



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 5/13/2021    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 9:00 AM    **Departure:** 10:10 AM

**FR-9900106568**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
05/13/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/13/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
12/02/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing

**Compliance Zone Designation** - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient.

**Good Standing** - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

**Support** - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.

**Deficient** - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

**Ratios/License Capacity**

Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	0	0	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	1	1	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	5	3	0	2	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	2	0	2	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	6	5	0	3	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	6				
Children Present: 6		Total Children: 10			
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 4		Total Caregivers/Helpers: 4			

**Comments**

An onsite inspection was conducted on May 13, 2021 with the Provider. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 1, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx> , for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee



### Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

#### Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), e-mail the following information to [CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov).

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)

Cathy Carter, Program Official

Date

Rachael Brown, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR) Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

290-2-3-.19 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR) Met

Comment

Care is not provided for any infant required to be in a crib. Rest mats were observed to be in good repair. Consultant discussed having a sheet that covers the entire mat, separate from blankets/covers.

290-2-3-.07 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) Met

Comment

Swimming rules discussed.

Facility

290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR) Met

Comment

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR) Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

## Health and Hygiene

**290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)** Met

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.

**290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)** Met

**Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

**290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)** Met

**Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

## Licensure

**290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)** Met

**Comment**

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date. Consultant observed three adults and four unrelated children for pay, and two related children not for pay.

## Safety and Discipline

**290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)** Met

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection was discussed.

**290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)** N/A

**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

## Staff Records

**290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)** Met

**Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Provider stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

**290-2-3-.11 Prohibited Substances** Met

**Correction Deadline: 11/13/2020**

**Corrected on 5/13/2021**

**.11(1)(I) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Provider stated smoking no longer occurred on the premises. Consultant observed a No Smoking Sign.**

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)****Met****Comment**

The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 1, 2021.

<b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b>
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**290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)****Met****Comment**

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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**290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)****Met****Comment**

The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children.