

Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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Cover Sheet

Date: 10/20/2021 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM Dep

Departure: 11:30 AM

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			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
10/20/2021	Licensing Study		standing, support, and deficient.
01/26/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
10/14/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	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	1	0	0	0	
1 & 2 Years	0	1	0	0	0	
3 & 4 Years	1	1	0	0	0	
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Under 13 Years	1	3	0	0	0	
Total Under 18 Years	1		-			
Children Present: 1	Total Children: 3					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1						

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on 10/19/21. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on 10/20/21 with the Beverly Mercer. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on February 15, 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, <u>http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</u>, 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: <u>https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/</u> Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or <u>qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</u>

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.

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)

Beverly Mercer, Program Official

Date

La Tonya Bonner, Consultant

Date

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through storage of cleaning supplies and possible hazards were discussed. There were no hazards observed to be accessible to the children this date.

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

Comment

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

Comment

The outside area appears well maintained. Please place toys back on playground once they are cleaned. Trees observed recently taken down in providers fenced backyard,

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

Comment

Provider is aware of proper hand washing requirements and techniques.

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

Comment

Proper diapering set up observed. No diapered children present during this virtual visit.

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

Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

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

Comment

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

290-2-3-.11 Animals

Comment

The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director/Provider on this date.

Met

Met

Met

Met

Health and Hygiene

Met

Met

Licensure

Safety and Discipline

Met

Met

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290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)

Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

	Staff Records
290-2-321 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)	Met
Comment Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.	
290-2-307 First Aid & CPR	Met
Comment	
Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR.	
290-2-307 Staff Qualifications(CR)	Met
Comment	
Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.	
Staff:Child Ratios a	nd Supervision
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290-2-307 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)	Wiet
Comment	
Appropriate ratios were observed on this date during the virtual visit.	
290-2-307 Supervision(CR)	Met
Comment	
Adaptate supervision observed on this date during the virtual visit	

Adequate supervision observed on this date during the virtual visit.

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