

## 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:** 11/17/2021 Arrival: 11:20 AM Departure: 12:30 PM VisitType: Licensing Study

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**Quality Rated: No** 

Compliance Zone Designation				
11/17/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	,	
03/26/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	ľ	
11/05/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	ļ	

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

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)	1	1	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	3	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	2	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	3	0
Total Under 13 Years	6	6	0	3	0
Total Under 18 Years	6				

Total Children: 9 Children Present: 6

Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1

#### **Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on 11/15/21. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on 11/17/21 with the director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued.

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://gualityrated.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

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: <a href="http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx">http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx</a>

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)

Tamara Gann. Program Official	Date	La Tonva Bonner. Consultant	Date	



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## **Findings Report**

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## The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

## **Activities and Equipment**

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through SIDS and infant sleeping position was discussed.

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

Met

#### Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility** 

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

Met

#### 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)

Met

#### Comment

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - Please ensure that the play area is rake and free of leaves. Please remove the leaves and plan to do a few shifts of raking each fall. Please ensure the playground if free and clear of any brush, weeds and exposed roots.

## **REMINDER:**

Specific requirements for swings and climbing equipment include:

- Must be secured in the ground.
- Chain hooks on swings must be clamped tight.
- Slides should be installed in shaded areas.
- Require a resilient or bouncy surface such as wood chips, sand, mulch, or pea gravel underneath and in the fall zone.
- Height of the equipment determines the depth of the resilient surface.
- Six inches of resilient surface are required underneath and within the fall zone of equipment five feet or higher.
- If less than five feet, the required depth of the resilient surface is three inches.
- Borders may be needed to maintain loose fill materials at the proper depth.
- Any border, such as timbers or PVC pipes, built to contain the resilient surface must be installed outside of the fall zone.

Correction Deadline: 11/27/2021

#### Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

#### Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

#### Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

#### Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Licensure

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

Met

#### Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued

Safety and Discipline

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

Met

#### 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.

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

Met

#### Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

## **Staff Records**

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

Met

#### Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

## 290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

# **Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision**

#### 290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through appropriate ratio were observed.

## 290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)

Met

## Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through adequate supervision was observed.