

## 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: 11/8/2021 Arrival: 12:00 PM VisitType: Licensing Study **Departure:** 1:30 PM

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Compliance Zone Designation				
11/08/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
04/29/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
12/28/2020	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

> 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	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	2	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	1	3	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	1		_		-

**Deficient** 

Total Children: 3 Children Present: 1

Total Caregivers/Helpers: 0 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2

### **Comments**

Due to OVID-19, no in person visit was completed. The Administrative Review was completed on 11-08-2021 and several additional documents were requested from the provider. The Virtual Visit was attempted on 11-11-2021. After many attempts the virtual viit was completed on 11-12-2021. The provider stated there has been no household member changes and no new staff has been hired. The provider stated no medication is administered, no field trips or routine transportation is provided.

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)

Levarn Wiggins, Program Official	Date	Connie Boatright, Consultant	Date	



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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

Toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2021

**Corrected on 11/8/2021** 

.19(2)( c) - The previous citation was observed to be completed on this day. There were no blankets or bibs hanging on the side of the crib or in the crib. Discussed SIDS.

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

There is no pool on the property

**Children's Records** 

Records Reviewed: 1

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 1 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2), Dad Work # Missing -(.08)(1), Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

**Not Met** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(1) - The provider will ensure the Home to have a current and updated record for each Child in care and for a period of one (1) year after each Child leaves. Such records shall include: identifying information (Child's name, birth date, Parent's name, home and business addresses, telephone numbers); name, address and telephone number of persons, including Child's physician, to contact in emergencies; and name, address, telephone numbers, relationship to Child and to Parent(s) and other identifying information of person(s) to whom the Child may be released. (Bra'Saydes Marie Atkins, Braliyah Atkins, Jayden Wiggins).

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2021

## **Finding**

290-2-3-.08(11) requires that if the Home is not covered by liability insurance sufficient to protect its clients, the Home must notify the Parent of each Child under the care of the program in writing. Each Parent must acknowledge receipt of such notice, and a copy of the acknowledgement shall be kept in the Child's file. It was determined based on review of child files that 3 of 3 files was missing the proof of liability statement.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain and maintain documentation.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2021

#### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(2) - The provider will ensure the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations; enrollment in the Home may not continue for more than 30 days without such evidence. (Bra'Saydes Marie Atkins immunization expired on 07-12-2021, Braliyah Atkins has no immunization on file).

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2021

#### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(4) - The provider will ensure the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which would limit the Child's participation in the program (Allergic to / special needs on Bra'Saydes Marie Atkins, Braliyah Atkins, and Jayden Wiggins).

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2021

## **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(9) - The provider will ensure that each child is signed in upon drop off and signed out upon pick up.

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2021

# 290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)

**Technical Assistance** 

## **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(3) - The provider will ensure that the Parental authorization is throughly completed at the time of a Child's enrollment for emergency medical care when the Parent is not available (Jayden Wiggins, Braliyah Atkins)

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2021

**Facility** 

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

**Not Met** 

## **Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(c) requires that documentation of drills required by these rules shall be maintained in the Home. The Home shall conduct drills for fire, tornado, and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Home shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on observation, review of documents uploaded in Koala and the provider's statement that no fire drills or tornado drills have been completed since initial licensing until November 8, 2021.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will develop and implement a plan and schedule for conducting the required drills, completing the documentation, keeping the documentation on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2021

## 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

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

#### Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

#### Comment

There is no pool on the property

**Food Service** 

## 290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

#### Comment

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk 5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk 2 of 5 Components for snack Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers. The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website: DECAL http://decal.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx USDA http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2021

#### Corrected on 11/8/2021

.10(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The provider currently has no infants enrolled.

**Health and Hygiene** 

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

Met

#### Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2021

Corrected on 11/8/2021

.11(1)(i) -

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2021

Corrected on 11/8/2021

.11(1)(j) -

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

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

Met

Comment

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

**Safety and Discipline** 

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

The provider and/or the home's employee were observed to maintain a positive learning environment 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

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-.07 First Aid & CPR

Met

Comment

Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR.

290-2-3-.07 Provider Qualifications

**Technical Assistance** 

**Technical Assistance** 

290-2-3-.07(5) - The provider will ensure that prior to assignment to children or task, the Provider and all Employees and Provisional Employees must receive initial program orientation

Correction Deadline: 11/9/2021

# 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

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Met

## Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.