

# 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: 1/19/2021 Arrival: 1:30 PM Departure: 3:00 PM VisitType: Licensing Study

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**Quality Rated: No** 

Compliance Zone Designation					
01/19/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing			
07/15/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			
01/06/2020	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	2	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	1	0	1	0
School Age(5+) Years	1	1	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	4	4	0	1	0
Total Under 18 Years	4		-	-	

Deficient

Total Children: 5 Children Present: 4

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

#### **Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on January 14, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on January 19, 2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on September 30, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Shared FAQ regarding Rule Changes effective October 1, 2020 and the new updated Infant feeding plan.

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).

Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

Revision #2 Revision Date: 1/20/2021 4:12:04 PM



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)

Letitia Emfinger, Program Official	Date	Dianne Clarke, 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. A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There is no pool on the property.

**Children's Records** 

**Records Reviewed: 4** 

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0** 

Child #1 Met

Child # 2 Met

Child #3 Met

Child #4 Met

#### 290-2-3-.08 Children's Records

Met

## Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized. Discussed regarding ensuring that the complete address is included in the enrollment packet.

**Facility** 

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

**Health and Hygiene** 

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing requirements were discussed with the Provider on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Provider on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed.

Licensure

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date. There was one adult and four unrelated children present.

# Policies and Procedures

# 290-2-3-.06 Parental Access

Met

### Comment

290-2-3-.06 - Parental access was observed to meet the COVID-19 guidelines.

Correction Deadline: 1/19/2021

# **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 /Provider on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The provider does not provide routine transportation.

# Staff Records

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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 Staff Qualifications(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 on September 30, 2020.

# 290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

Met

## Correction Deadline: 12/31/2020

## Corrected on 1/19/2021

.07(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that annual training for 2020 was observed to be completed.

# 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. Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Adequate supervision observed on this date.