



**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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**Date:** 3/1/2023    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 10:25 AM    **Departure:** 12:30 PM

**FR-50267**

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 Same

**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
03/01/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/16/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/28/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

<b>Ratio Capacity</b>					
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	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	2	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	2	5	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	2				

  

Children Present: 2	Total Children: 5
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study visit and to follow-up on the previous visit conducted on November 16, 2022.  
 \*The provider will be temporarily closed until March 13, 2023 and also between May 24, 2023 to June 4, 2023.\*  
 \*Please ensure to update all posted notices as needed (i.e., license, communicable illness chart, etc.).\*

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/01/2023

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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

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), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com) with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

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)



**Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:**

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

**Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

Sabrina Needy, Program Official

Date

Margarita Collier, CCS Coordinator

Date

Erikka Benning, Regional Consultant

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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**

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

**Comment**

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

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

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

Care is not provided for any infant required to be in a crib

**Comment**

Currently the provider is not caring for infants. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

**Comment**

There is no pool on the property

**Children's Records**

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure to monitor the expiration dates of all enrolled children's immunization certificate (Georgia 3231 Form).

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**290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)****Met****Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

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**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 review of records that the provider did not complete a fire drill for the months of October 2022, November 2022, December 2022, January 2023, and February 2023.

**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. The provider will complete fire drills monthly and tornado and lockdown drills every six months.

**Correction Deadline: 3/31/2023****Comment**

Home observed complete emergency drills

**Comment**

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

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

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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**290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazardous items:

- Monitor the grounds for excessive leaves and broken sticks.
- Monitor playground equipment and toys for normal wear and tear.
- Monitor the grounds for biting and/or stinging insects (i.e., bees, ants, etc.).
- Monitor the grounds for standing water in and around playground equipment.
- Monitor the fence surrounding the playground for normal wear and tear.

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**Food Service**

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**290-2-3-.10 Kitchen Operations****Met****Comment**

The kitchen area was clean and in good repair.

**Correction Deadline: 3/1/2023**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Provider stated the proper handwashing procedures for the children and staff.

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

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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**290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)** **Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

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**Licensure**

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

**Comment**

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

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**Policies and Procedures**

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**290-2-3-.14 Required Reporting** **Met**

**Comment**

The provider will be temporarily closed until March 13, 2023 and between May 29, 2023 - June 4, 2023.

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**Safety and Discipline**

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**290-2-3-.11 Animals** **Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

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

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

**Comment**

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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**290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure to add the following items to the first aid kit:

- Protective eye wear.
- Antibacterial ointment.
- Gauze tape.

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**290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)** **Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

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**Staff Records**

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

**Correction Deadline: 11/16/2022**

**Corrected on 3/1/2023**

**The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed the provider and one resident to have evidence of a current satisfactory comprehensive determination letter on file.**

**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 was conducted on November 16, 2022.

**Correction Deadline: 11/16/2022**

**Corrected on 3/1/2023**

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**290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR** **Met**

**Comment**

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

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff Training** **Met**

**Comment**

Annual training requirement and documentation observed.

<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.