

# 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: 4/27/2021 Arrival: 12:05 PM Departure: 12:30 PM VisitType: Monitoring Visit

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**Quality Rated:** 



Compliance Zone Designation			
04/27/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/16/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/12/2019	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

**Deficient** 

Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

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#### 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	0	0	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	3	3	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	3	6	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	7	10	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	7		_		-

Total Children: 10 Children Present: 7

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

More than 6 for pay

6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notorized no-pay statement

A virtual inspection was conducted on 4/27/2021 with the provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on April 8, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/27/2021

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.

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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)

Kimberly Byrd, Program Official	Date	Coty Cummings, Consultant	Date



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# **Findings Report**

Arrival: 10:00 AM Date: 2/3/2021 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Departure: 10:35 AM

CCLC-39432

**New Beginnings Children's Learning Center** 

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# The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

	Activities and Equipment
591-1-112 Equipment & Toys(CR)	Met
Comment	
A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.	
591-1-135 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)	Met
Comment	
Center does not provide swimming activities.	
	Facility
591-1-119 License Capacity(CR)	Met
Comment	
Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.	
591-1-125 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Met
Comment	
No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.	
591-1-126 Playgrounds(CR)	Met
Comment	
Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.	
	Food Service

#### 591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

#### Comment

Consultant discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

#### Comment

Consultant discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/wind pipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2021

# **Health and Hygiene**

# 591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Additional cleaning Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on February 3, 2021.

#### 591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Additional hand washing and sanitizing requirements were discussed with the Director on February 3, 2021.

# 591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

#### Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

# 591-1-1-.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 on February 3, 2021.

# 591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

# Sleeping & Resting Equipment

#### 591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Infant sleep requirements was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding sleep requirements were discussed with the Director on February 3, 2021.

Staff Records

<b>Records Reviewed: 9</b>
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# **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff's Name [# 1]: Bonner, Priscilla Met

Staff's Name [# 2]: Greene, Patrice Met

Staff's Name [# 3]: Greene, Ashley

Met

Staff's Name [# 4]: Greene, Tywonner Met

Date of Hire: 05/04/2020

Staff's Name [# 5]: Payne, Julie Met

Staff's Name [# 6]: Scarborough, Gale Met

Date of Hire: 06/08/2020

Staff's Name [# 7]: Umbach, Marilyn Met

Staff's Name [# 8]: Walker, Brittany

Met

Date of Hire: 06/02/2017

Staff's Name [# 9]: Williams, Latoya Met

Date of Hire: 06/04/2020

# Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

Staff's Name: Walker, Brittany (Teacher/LeadCare Giver)

# **Degree/Credentials**

Description	Date Earned	Date Enrolled	Date Expired
Associate Degree	1/1/2019		

Staff's Name: Scarborough, Gale (Teacher/LeadCare Giver)

#### **Degree/Credentials**

Description	Date Earned	Date Enrolled	Date Expired
Other Degree	1/1/2019		

Staff's Name: Payne, Julie (Teacher/LeadCare Giver)

### **Degree/Credentials**

Description	Date Earned	Date Enrolled	Date Expired
Bachelors Degree	5/17/2014		

Staff's Name : Bonner, Priscilla (Director)

# **Degree/Credentials**

Description	Date Earned	Date Enrolled	Date Expired
Masters Degree	7/1/1993		

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

#### Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(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 August 15, 2020.

# Staffing and Supervision

### 591-1-1-.32 Staff: Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

### 591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

#### Comment

Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during meal times and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.



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# The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

# **Activities and Equipment** 290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR) Met Comment Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable. 290-2-3-.19 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR) Met 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) Met Comment Home does not provide swimming activities. Facility 290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) Met Comment No hazards observed accessible to children on 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) Met The outside area appears clean and well maintained. **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

#### Comment

Proper hand washing stated throughout the Home.

#### 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)

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) requires a person that provides care for more than six children for pay, related or unrelated, as defined in these rules, shall make application to the Department for a license to operate a Child Care Learning Center, except as provided in 290-2-3-.07(15). It was determined based on observation that the provider was caring for seven children for pay on this date.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Family Child Care Learning Home caring for more than six children shall reduce the number of children in care to six. The Family Child Care Learning Home will submit an application for a Child Care Learning Center and receive a license to operate from the Department before caring for more than six children, related or unrelated, for pay.

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2021

# **Safety and Discipline**

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

Met

#### Comment

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

### 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

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 April 8, 2021.

# Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-307 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)	Met
Comment Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.	
290-2-307 Supervision(CR)	Met

# Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.