



**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:** 2/15/2024 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 12:45 PM

**FR-62861**

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**Quality Rated:** No

| Compliance Zone Designation |                         |               | <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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 02/15/2024                  | Initial Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

| Ratio Capacity                                                                                     |                  |               |      |             |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------|-------------|-------------------|
| Age Ranges                                                                                         | Children Present | Child For Pay | CAPS | Not for Pay | Provider Children |
| Infant (0-11 mos)                                                                                  | 1                | 0             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 1 & 2 Years                                                                                        | 0                | 0             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 3 & 4 Years                                                                                        | 0                | 0             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| School Age(5+) Years                                                                               | 0                | 0             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| Total Under 13 Years                                                                               | 1                | 0             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| Total Under 18 Years                                                                               | 1                |               |      |             |                   |
| Children Present: 1 Total Children: 1<br>Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 0 |                  |               |      |             |                   |

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on January 24, 2024. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on February 15, 2024. The exit conference was conducted on February 15, 2024 at 12:20 p.m. with the Provider. Permission to Operate issued on this date. Facility does not carry Liability Insurance. Overall License capacity is 6.

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.dec.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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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.

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#### 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.

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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.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Gabrielle Dawson, Program Official

Date

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Toni Williams, Application Services Unit Consultant

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The consultant discussed with the provider to add toys and materials to enhance the learning environment.

**Comment**

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

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Consultant observed one bassinet meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards manufactured in 2022. Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the Director during the inspection visit.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home this date.

**Comment**

Provider does not have fire arms in the home.

**Correction Deadline: 2/15/2024**

**Comment**

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

**Comment**

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required 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**

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The Consultant advised the Provider that she is required to keep the outdoor play areas be kept clean and free of hazards such as exposed sharp corners of concrete or equipment, rust and splinters on equipment, broken glass, open drainage ditches, holes and stagnant water. The consultant told the provider that she will need to repair any and all identified outdoor hazards and will monitor playground daily or more often as needed to ensure that the Home's outdoor play area is kept clean and free of hazards. The Consultant advised the Provider to put a barricade around their deck and keep kids in the sectioned off playground using cones.

**Correction Deadline: 2/25/2024**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Proper handwashing of children and staff was discussed with the provider during the inspection visit.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Provider on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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**Licensure**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Consultant discussed Business License requirement with the Provider. The Provider has until March 15, 2024 to provide a business License to the Consultant.

**Comment**

Permission to Operate issued on this date. The overall licensed capacity is six (6) children at any given time.

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**Safety and Discipline**

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| <b>290-2-3-.11 Animals</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

The home has two dogs on site. There is a Louisiana Catahoula Leopard dog and a Boston Terrier and both animals were current with their immunizations.

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| <b>290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Consultant discussed appropriate discipline and guidance techniques with the provider.

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| <b>290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

A completed First Aid Kit was observed on this date.

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| <b>290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hour transportation training prior to transporting children.

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| <b>Staff Records</b> |
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| <b>290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

There were 2 people 17 years and older whose Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. Two (2) records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file for the provider and all residents living in the home seventeen (17) years and older.

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| <b>290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| <b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b> |
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| <b>290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Currently there are no children present in the program. Consultant discussed ratios with the Provider on this date.

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| <b>290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Currently there are no children present in the program. Consultant discussed direct supervision with the Provider on this date.