



**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:** 5/10/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 12:00 PM

**Departure:** 1:50 PM

**FR-51661**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

| <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.<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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| 05/10/2023                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11/07/2022                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 05/19/2022                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

| <b>Ratio Capacity</b>                                |                         |                      |             |                    |                          |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Age Ranges</b>                                    | <b>Children Present</b> | <b>Child For Pay</b> | <b>CAPS</b> | <b>Not for Pay</b> | <b>Provider Children</b> |
| <b>Infant (0-11 mos)</b>                             | 0                       | 0                    | 0           | 0                  | 0                        |
| <b>1 &amp; 2 Years</b>                               | 4                       | 4                    | 3           | 0                  | 0                        |
| <b>3 &amp; 4 Years</b>                               | 1                       | 2                    | 2           | 0                  | 0                        |
| <b>School Age(5+) Years</b>                          | 0                       | 0                    | 0           | 0                  | 0                        |
| <b>Total Under 13 Years</b>                          | 5                       | 6                    | 5           | 0                  | 0                        |
| <b>Total Under 18 Years</b>                          | 5                       |                      |             |                    |                          |
| Children Present: 6<br>Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 |                         |                      |             |                    |                          |
| Total Children: 6<br>Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2     |                         |                      |             |                    |                          |

**Comments**

A monitoring visit was conducted on this date. The Provider does not dispense medication and does not provide transportation services.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/10/2023

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.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

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

Brittany Milton, Program Official

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Stacey Foston, Regional Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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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

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed. No infant enrolled.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.19(1)(c) - Discussed the rule pertaining to pillows which states: Pillows may be used only by children two (2) years of age or older. When used, pillows shall be assigned for individual use and covered with pillow cases that are marked for individual use or covered with cases that are laundered daily. Individually marked pillow cases shall be laundered weekly or more frequently as needed.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

**290-2-3-.08 Children's Records****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.08(2) requires 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. It was determined based on a review of records that child # 2 and #4 did not have current immunization records on file.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child.

**Correction Deadline: 5/31/2023****Recited on 5/10/2023****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)****Not Met****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - Discussed cutting the low hanging branch on the left side of the playground. Also discussed cutting the weeds growing along the left side of the fence.

**Finding**

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) requires that outside play areas be protected from traffic or other hazards by fencing or other barriers at least four feet in height and approved by the Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children. A fence shall be provided around swimming pools to make them inaccessible when not in use. It was determined based on observation that the wooden fence board next to the back gate was loose and there were two screws protruding out of the wood and accessible to the children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will repair the fence and ensure there are no screws protruding from the fence.

**Correction Deadline: 5/10/2023****Health and Hygiene****290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

Provider stated proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

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

**Comment**

Provider stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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**290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

**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. There were five children for pay present during the visit.

**Safety and Discipline**

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

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and the two children awake during the visit.

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**290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

**Staff Records**

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**

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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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.