



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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Date: 8/4/2023 VisitType: Initial Licensing Study Arrival: 9:30 AM Departure: 11:00 AM

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Quality Rated: No

| Compliance Zone Designation |                         |               | 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.                                                                                                |
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| 08/04/2023                  | Initial Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                             |                         |               | <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. |

| Ratio 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                                                                                        | 0                | 0             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 3 & 4 Years                                                                                        | 0                | 0             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| School Age(5+) Years                                                                               | 2                | 0             | 0    | 0           | 2                 |
| Total Under 13 Years                                                                               | 1                | 0             | 0    | 0           | 1                 |
| Total Under 18 Years                                                                               | 2                |               |      |             |                   |
| Children Present: 2 Total Children: 2<br>Caregivers/Helpers Present: 0 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 0 |                  |               |      |             |                   |

**Comments**

An Initial Licensing Study was conducted on August 4, 2023. Permission to Operate was granted on this date. Facility does not carry Liability Insurance.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/04/2023

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.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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Nachammai Rengenath, Program Official

Date

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**(Findings Report)**

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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**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed. The provider has a Montessori Diploma that was authenticated by the Association Montessori International. Consultant discussed with the provider ensuring that children under the age of (3) years are actively supervised when playing with materials that are small enough to be a choking hazard.

**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.

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities. A pool was not observed on site.

**Children's Records**

**Comment**

Consultant discussed with the Director the importance of ensuring that all the information on the enrollment packet be filled out by parents. Consultant also discussed with the Director ensuring that parental agreements/authorizations be filled out and kept on file.

**Facility****290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant - Safe Environment****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the provider ensuring that the home is free of pests at all times.

**Correction Deadline: 8/14/2023**

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

**Comment**

Provider does not have firearms in the home.

**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****Comment**

The outside area appears clean and well maintained. Please be mindful of the erosion on the boarder of the patio.

**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 bottom of the fence had gaps that measured more than 3.5 inches.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will enclose the outside play area(s) with a four-foot high fence or other Department-approved barrier and inspect regularly to ensure fencing material is safe and any hazards identified are repaired or replaced. The Home will install or repair a fence around swimming pools that makes them inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 8/11/2023**

**Food Service**

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**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Consultant discussed with the Provider 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/windpipe 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. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut, or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability.

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

Consultant discussed with the provider ensuring that thermometers are placed in the fridge and the freezer.

**Correction Deadline: 8/14/2023**

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| <b>Health and Hygiene</b> |
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**290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the provider on this date.

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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**

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed. Discussed proper medication documentation, administration procedures, and storage.

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| <b>Licensure</b> |
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**290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

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

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Consultant discussed appropriate discipline and guidance techniques with the provider.

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

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

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**Staff Records**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Two (2) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file, one for the provider and one for the provider's spouse.

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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.

**Comment**

Please replace missing items from the first-aid kit.

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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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**Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)****Met****Comment**

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

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

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