



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/10/2023 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 11:45 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.
01/10/2023	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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 rules. Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

Ratios/License 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	2	0	1	0
3 & 4 Years	0	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	1	0	0	1
Total Under 13 Years	0	5	0	1	1
Total Under 18 Years	0				
Children Present: 0 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1					
Total Children: 7 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

Comments

An Initial Licensing Study was conducted on January 10, 2023. Permission to Operate was granted on this date. Facility does not carry Liability Insurance.

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.

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 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.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Adrienne Greene, Program Official

Date

Kedirile Knott, 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

A variety of equipment and toys were observed. Consultant discussed with the provider ensuring that children under three years old use appropriate toys that do not pose a choking hazard.

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)

Met

Comment

Care is not provided for any infant required to be in a crib, cribs were evaluated on this date. Consultant observed the correct amount of cots/mats, sheets and covers on this date.

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

Met

Comment

There is no pool on the property. Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Technical Assistance

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Consultant discussed with the provider ensuring that evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations be kept on file. Consultant informed the provider that enrollment in the Home may not continue for more than 30 days without such evidence.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the provider ensuring that parents or person(s) authorized by the parent or guardian to drop off and pick up the child document each time the parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the child. The sign-in and sign-out sheet must include: the date, the child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the parent or authorized person

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

Consultant discussed with the provider ensuring that medicines, cleaning agents such as baby wipes, and other hazardous materials be kept in a locked area or inaccessible to children.

Comment

Provider does not have firearms in the home.

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.

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

Please remember to replace the missing light bulbs in the bathroom.

Comment

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

Consultant discussed with the provider ensuring that the outdoor play areas be kept clean and free of hazards such as excessive roots, and excessive mud. Please ensure that roots are spray painted, and that mulch is spread on the playground to avoid excessive mud.

Food Service**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.

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

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

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.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Licensure

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

Permission to Operate was granted on this date. The overall licensed capacity is six (6) children at any given time. Consultant discussed Business License requirements with the Provider. The Provider has until February 10, 2023 to submit the Business License to the Consultant.

Safety and Discipline

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.

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.

Staff Records

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

One (1) record for the provider was observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letter on file.

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

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

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Consultant discussed ratios with the provider on this date.

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the provider on this date.