



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Date:** 9/10/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:40 AM **Departure:** 12:45 PM

**FR-17359**

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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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| 09/10/2024                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 03/25/2024                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12/12/2023                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

| <b>Ratio Capacity</b>                                                                                       |                  |               |      |             |                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------|-------------|-------------------|
| Age Ranges                                                                                                  | Children Present | Child For Pay | CAPS | Not for Pay | Provider Children |
| Infant (0-11 mos)                                                                                           | 2                | 2             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 1 & 2 Years                                                                                                 | 4                | 3             | 0    | 1           | 0                 |
| 3 & 4 Years                                                                                                 | 2                | 1             | 0    | 1           | 0                 |
| School Age(5+) Years                                                                                        | 0                | 0             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| Total Under 13 Years                                                                                        | 8                | 6             | 0    | 2           | 0                 |
| Total Under 18 Years                                                                                        | 8                |               |      |             |                   |
| Children Present: 8 Total Children: 8<br>Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2          |                  |               |      |             |                   |
| <b>More than 6 for pay</b><br>6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notarized no-pay statement |                  |               |      |             |                   |

**Comments**

An in person licensing study was conducted on this date. The provider stated they do not administer medication and they do not offer routine transportation, field trips, or swimming activities. There are animals on the premises that were kept in a separate area of the home that the children do not have access to.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/10/2024

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.

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



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**(Findings Report)**

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

**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**

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.19(4) - requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. Please ensure mats are stored without bedding on them touching each other and that the sheets for the cots are stored in individual containers marked for individual use. If the mats must be stored touching each other, be sure to disinfect between use.

**Correction Deadline:** 9/10/2024

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

The staff member stated the home does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) requires that poisons, medicines, cleaning agents and other hazardous materials be in locked areas or inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the bottom of the changing table had diapers in their bags that are marked keep out of reach of children. Additionally, the black bag hanging at the children's cubbies had Benedryl, Sinux and Children's Nyquil in it that was accessible to children. Additionally, there was a broom and dustpan located in the bathroom accessible to the children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

To ensure the safe storage of hazardous items, the Home Provider will make these items inaccessible to the children.

**Correction Deadline: 9/10/2024**

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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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290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - requires that 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. Please ensure the outdoor area storing the grill, gas can, bug spray and other hazardous materials is made inaccessible to the children by covering or blocking it off.

**Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(i) requires that personnel shall wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water: immediately before and after each diaper change; immediately upon the first Child's arrival in the Home for care and upon re-entering the Home after outside play; before and after dispensing oral medications and applying topical medications, ointments, creams or lotions, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding or assisting children with eating and drinking; after toileting or helping children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids such as, but not limited to, mucus, saliva, vomit or blood, and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that the staff member wiped an infant child's nose two times and did not wash her hands afterward.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

To ensure proper hygiene, all Staff shall wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water as required.

**Correction Deadline: 9/10/2024**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

The staff member stated that no medication is currently dispensed

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**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.

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**Safety and Discipline**

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**290-2-3-.11 Animals**

**Met**

**Comment**

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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| 290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit | Met |
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**Comment**

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home

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

The staff member stated the provider does not provide routine transportation.

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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| 290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR) | Met |
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**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 Supervision(CR) | Not Met |
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**Finding**

290-2-3-.07(17) requires at least one Staff person with a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination shall supervise Children at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means Staff members are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The person(s) supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. Plans shall be made to obtain additional Staff help in cases of emergencies. It was determined based on observation that the staff member left seven children alone to walk through the kitchen to another room in the house to place a sleeping infant in a pack n play. Additionally, the infant was left sleeping in the room where watchful oversight was not provided while they slept in that room starting at 11:25am. At 11:40 the staff member left the room to move the pack n plays outside the door to the playroom to put them in her line of sight.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will ensure that either the Provider or at least one Staff person with a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination supervises the children at all times as required by the rules. The Home will develop or update a plan to obtain additional Staff help in case of an emergency.

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