



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Atlanta, GA 30334
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Date: 9/30/2024 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

FR-64283

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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.
09/30/2024	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.

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

Comments

Congratulations! Permission to operate was granted on this date. This home does not carry liability insurance. A sign was posted on the posted notice board.

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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.state.ga.us/> 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.state.ga.us 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 Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2024

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed six mats that met the requirement of 2 inches. Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that mats are not touching to cause contamination and to ensure that they are covered throughout the day.

Correction Deadline: 10/10/2024

Comment

On this date the consultant observed one playpen to need the ASTM standards. Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the Provider during the inspection visit.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2024

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

Met

Comment

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

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Comment

Provider stated that there are no firearms stored in the home on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2024

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.

Comment

Provider stated there is no gasoline or kerosene stored inside of the home on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2024

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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that the gaping at the bottom of the fence is enclosed. Consultant discussed with the provider that a wooden plank or pool noodle could be used to secure the area. Please ensure that the items on the outside of the fenced area remains inaccessible to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 10/10/2024

Health and Hygiene

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.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Staff state 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. Provider stated that she would not administer medication unless authorized from a physician.

Licensure

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

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

Comment

Permission to Operate issued on this date. The overall licensed capacity is six children.

Comment

Consultant discussed Business License requirement with the Provider. The Provider has until October 30, 2024, to submit the Business License to the Consultant.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2024

Safety and Discipline

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

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Consultant discussed appropriate discipline and guidance techniques with the provider.

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.

Staff Records**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Discussed staff qualifications and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that the staff/child ratio are met at all times.

Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure direct supervision of the children is given at all times. An outdoor supervision plan was created on this date please see the state file.