

# 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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#### **Cover Sheet**

Date: 12/16/2021 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 11:00 AM Departure: 11:30 AM

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#### Quality Rated: No

			<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			
12/16/2021	Licensing Study		standing, support, and deficient.			
04/15/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	<b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.			
12/01/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	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	0	0	0	0		
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0		
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0		
Total Under 13 Years	0	0	0	0	0		
Total Under 18 Years	0			-			
Children Present: 0 Total Children: 0							
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1	Total C	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

#### Comments

A Virtual Monitoring Visit was conducted on (insert date) with the Director. All staff criminal records checks were reviewed on this date. An inperson visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/16/2021

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, <u>http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</u>, 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





#### **Important New Deadlines:**

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <u>https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/</u> Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or <u>qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</u>

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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov.

1) Facility name, license number and visit date

2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached

3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx

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)

Roberta Mciver, Program Official

Date

Jerica Davis, Consultant

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The fo	llowing infor	mation is as	sociated with a Li	censing Study:				
					Act	ivitie	s and Equ	ipment
290-2-3	312 Equipm	ent and Sup	oplies(CR)					Met
<b>Comm</b> Curren		o children er	nrolled in the progra	am. (This rule was	s not eva	luated o	n this date)	
290-2-3	319 Infant-S	leeping Safe	ety Requirements	(CR)				Met
Comm Curren		o children er	nrolled in the progra	am. (This rule was	s not eva	luated o	n this date)	
290-2-3	307 Swimm	ing Pools &	Water-related Act	ivities(CR)				Met
Comm Home	ent does not prov	ide swimming	g activities.					
								Facility
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Comm Curren		o children er	nrolled in the progra	am. (This rule was	s not eva	luated o	n this date)	
290-2-3	313 Physica	l Plant-Stru	ctural/Mechanical	(CR)				Met
Comm The Ho		clean and fre	e from hazards.					
290-2-3	313 Playgro	unds(CR)						Met
Comm Curren		o children er	nrolled in the progra	am. Discussed ro	utine play	/ground	maintenance.	
							Food	Service

#### 290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition

#### Comment

Discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: 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.

#### Correction Deadline: 12/16/2021

	Health and Hygiene
290-2-311 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)	Met
<b>Comment</b> There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children a provider on this date.	
290-2-311 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)	Met

#### Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

#### Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

#### 290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)

#### Comment

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

#### 290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)

#### Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

## 290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)

## Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

# 290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)

## Comment

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Provider stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

# **Staff Records**

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#### Met

Licensure

Safety and Discipline

Met

Met

Met

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will obtain the required annual training for Staff and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file. The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested.

## Correction Deadline: 1/1/2022

# **Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**

# 290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)

## Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

## 290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)

Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

#### Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. 290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR

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

# 290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)

## Comment

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

## 290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

## Finding

290-2-3-.07(9) requires that every calendar year, after the first year of employment the Provider, and any Provisional Employees or and Employees, shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department- approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained in the Home by the Provider, as required by these rules. It was determined based on the providers statement that she did not complete 10 annual training hours for the 2020 calendar year as required.

Met

Not Met

Met

Met

Met