

# 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: 8/10/2022 Arrival: 9:00 AM Departure: 9:45 AM VisitType: Licensing Study

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation					
08/10/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing			
03/07/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			
09/22/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing			

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.

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)	1	1	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	3	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	4	4	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	4		-	-	

Children Present: 4 Total Children: 4

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

#### Comments

An in-person Licensing Study was conducted on August 10, 2022. Information for the Virtual Administrative Review was left with the director. All Administrative Review documents must be uploaded to DECAL KOALA by August 17, 2022.

An administrative Review was completed on August 29, 2022. The visit report was completed and emailed to the director on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/10/2022

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, <a href="http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>, 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 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 <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a> for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

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 <a href="https://www.decalkoala.com">www.decalkoala.com</a> 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)

Shirlene Wallace, Program Official	Date	Jerica Davis, Consultant	Date



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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-.09 Activities Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that outdoor activities are provided daily, weather permitting.

Correction Deadline: 8/10/2022

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

Met

#### Comment

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

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

**Not Met** 

# Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

#### Finding

290-2-3-.19(1)(b)1 requires that cots and mats shall be of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child. Mats must be in good repair, washable, covered with waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick. It was determined based on observation that the nap mats used for three enrolled children were not washable, covered with a waterproof material, and at least two inches thick as required.

## **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will provide cots or mats that are washable, covered with waterproof material, and at least two inches thick.

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2022

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

Met

#### Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

290-2-311 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Me
Comment	
No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.	
290-2-313 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)	Me
Comment	
The Home appears clean and free from hazards.	
290-2-313 Playgrounds(CR)	Me
Comment The autoide area appears clean and well maintained	
The outside area appears clean and well maintained.	and Uvalana
пеанн	and Hygiene
290-2-311 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)	Me
Comment Staff state proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.	
290-2-311 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)	Me
Comment	
Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.	
290-2-311 Medications(CR)	Me
Comment Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed	
r et the provider no medication is currently dispensed	Licensure
290-2-304 Application Requirements(CR)	Me
Comment Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.	
Safety ar	nd Discipline
290-2-311 Discipline(CR)	Me
Comment The provider and/or the home's employee were observed to maintain a positive learning enviridate.	ronment on this
290-2-311 Transportation(CR)	Me
Comment	
The provider does not provide routine transportation.	
S	taff Records
290-2-321 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)	Me

#### 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

#### Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

#### 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.

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

**Not Met** 

#### **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 a review of records that the provider completed four out of ten annual training hours for the 2021 calendar year as required.

# 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: 1/1/2023

# **Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision**

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

Met

#### Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children.