

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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Date: 1/17/2023 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 10:55 AM Departure: 11:55 AM

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Same

Quality Rated: No

| | | | | 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 | | | |
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| 01/ | 17/2023 | Monitoring Visit | | | ort, and deficient. | | |
| 08/ | 02/2022 | Complaint Closure | Good Standing | Good Standing | g - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. | | |
| 05/3 | | Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | Support Deficient | Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. 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 Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a monitoring visit.

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).

Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning



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 |
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| 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 <u>www.decalkoala.com</u> 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@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

| Twalla Newson, Program Official | Date | Jackqueline Frederick, Consultant | Date |
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(Findings Report)

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following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

| Activities an | d Equipment |
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| 290-2-312 Equipment and Supplies(CR) | Met |
| Comment | |
| Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable. | |
| 290-2-319 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR) | Met |
| Comment | |
| Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this | date) |
| 290-2-307 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) | Met |
| Comment | |
| Home does not provide swimming activities. | |
| | Facility |
| | |
| 290-2-311 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) | Met |
| Correction Deadline: 6/2/2022 | |
| Corrected on 1/17/2023 | |
| .11(2)(f) - Citation observed corrected on this date as no children are enrolled. | |
| 290-2-313 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR) | Met |
| Comment | |

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Comment

There is no pool on the property

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

Met

Health and Hygiene 290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR) Met Comment There were no children enrolled on this date. 290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) Met Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date) Comment There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date) 290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR) Met Comment Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date) Licensure 290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR) Met Comment License fee paid **Policies and Procedures** 290-2-3-.14 Required Reporting Met Correction Deadline: 8/2/2022 **Corrected on 1/17/2023** .14(2) - Citation corrected on this date. Per provider there are no other incidents to be reported to the department. Safety and Discipline 290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR) Met Comment Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date) 290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR) Met Comment Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date) Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Provider currently has an unsatisfactory criminal records check.

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

Met

Comment

Provider currently has an unsatisfactory criminal records check.

Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)