

# 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: 11/8/2022 Arrival: 12:05 PM Departure: 2:30 PM VisitType: Licensing Study

FR-000004032

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Quality Rated: No

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Compliance Zone Designation					
11/08/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing			
04/26/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			
10/27/2021	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	0	0	1	0
1 & 2 Years	5	3	0	2	0
3 & 4 Years	3	2	0	1	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	9	5	0	4	0
Total Under 18 Years	9		-		

Children Present: 9 Total Children: 9

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 5 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2

#### Comments

A licensing study was conducted on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/08/2022

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, 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





## 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 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)

Date Date Donna Coleman, Program Official Stacey Foston, Consultant



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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)

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

Met

Comment

The Home does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records** 

**Records Reviewed: 9** Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Child # 1 Met

Child #2 Met

Child #3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 4 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

**Records Reviewed: 9** Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Child #5 Met

Child #6 Met

Child #7 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components" Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child #8 Met

Child # 9 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components" Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

#### 290-2-3-.08 Children's Records

**Not Met** 

#### Finding

290-2-3-.08(11) requires that if the Home is not covered by liability insurance sufficient to protect its clients, the Home must notify the Parent of each Child under the care of the program in writing. Each Parent must acknowledge receipt of such notice, and a copy of the acknowledgement shall be kept in the Child's file. It was determined based on a review of records that child #3, #4, #7 and #9 did not have written parental acknowledgement that the Home is not covered by liability insurance sufficient to protect its clients.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain and maintain documentation.

Correction Deadline: 11/9/2022

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.08(9) requires that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent or quardian to drop off and pick up the Child document each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the Child. The documentation shall include at least the following information: the date, the Child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person and shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. It was determined based on a review of records that the Home did not have arrival and departure records for the month of November 2022 available for review. .

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

The Home will make additional copies of the arrival and departure records. The Home ensure Children are signed in and out as required.

Correction Deadline: 11/9/2022

Facility

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

**Not Met** 

# **Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(c) requires that documentation of drills required by these rules shall be maintained in the Home. The Home shall conduct drills for fire, tornado, and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Home shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that the Home did not have documentation of fire drills for July through October 2022.

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

The Provider will develop and implement a plan for conducting the required drills, completing the documentation, keeping the documentation on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 11/30/2022

#### Recited on 11/8/2022

# 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)

Met

#### Comment

The outside play area appeared clean and well maintained.

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

#### Comment

The children were taking a nap during the visit. The Provider stated proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

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

Met

#### Comment

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

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

N/A

## Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

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

Met

# Comment

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

# **Safety and Discipline**

# 290-2-3-.11 Animals N/A

## Comment

The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

#### Comment

The children were taking a nap during the visit. Discussed the Homes discipline methods with the Provider.

## 290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit

Met

#### Comment

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

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

N/A

#### Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

**Staff Records** 

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

**Technical Assistance** 

### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.21(1)(b) - Discussed Criminal record check requirements for independent contractors and therapist.

#### 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)

**Technical Assistance** 

# **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.07(27) - Discussed staff qualifications ad requirements for helpers.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

Met

#### Comment

Annual training requirement and documentation observed for the year 2021.

# 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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.