

# 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: 6/14/2022 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 10:10 AM Departure: 11:00 AM

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**Quality Rated: No** 

|            |                            |               |                                   | <b>Zone Designation</b> - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good |  |  |
|------------|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 06/14/2022 | Monitoring Visit           |               | standing, support, and deficient. |  |  |  |
| 03/21/2022 | Initial Licensing<br>Study | Good Standing | Good Standi                       | ing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.  |  |  |
|            |                            | 1             | Support                           | <ul> <li>Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting<br/>rules.</li> </ul>  |  |  |
|            |                            |               | Deficient                         | <ul> <li>Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting<br/>the rules</li> </ul>   |  |  |

#### **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          | 5                | 6             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 3 & 4 Years          | 1                | 1             | 0    | 0           | 1                 |
| School Age(5+) Years | 0                | 2             | 0    | 0           | 1                 |
| Total Under 13 Years | 6                | 9             | 0    | 0           | 2                 |
| Total Under 18 Years | 6                |               |      |             |                   |

Children Present: 6 Total Children: 11

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 5 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

## Comments

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, <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)

| Takeila Jeter, Program Official | Date | Stacey Foston, Consultant | Date |
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## Findings Report

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## The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

# **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

The provider does not Provide care for infants. Discussed proper storage of children mats and bedding.

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

Met

#### Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility** 

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

Met

#### Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

#### Comment

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

#### 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 backyard is fully enclose by a fence. The Provider has used a mesh fencing material to section off a part of the backyard for the children play area. The Provider will ensure the mesh fencing material is secure before the children access the play area.

# **Health and Hygiene** 290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR) Met Comment Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home. 290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) **Technical Assistance Technical Assistance** 290-2-3-.11(1)(f) - Please ensure diapering pads material is smooth and non-porous. Correction Deadline: 6/14/2022 Comment Proper diapering procedures observed. 290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR) Met Comment Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures. Licensure Met 290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR) Comment Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date. **Safety and Discipline** 290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR) Met Comment Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care. 290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR) Met Comment The Provider does provide field trips. Discussed paperwork and proper restraints. Staff Records 290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met Comment Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. 290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR) Met

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Discussed staff qualifications and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Revision #0 Revision Date: 6/16/2022 10:53:08 AM

Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision

| 290-2-307 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)                       | Met |
|--|-----|
| Comment Appropriate ratios were observed on this date. |     |
| 290-2-307 Supervision(CR)                              | Met |

# Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.