

## 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:** 9/27/2021 Arrival: 1:00 PM Departure: 2:05 PM VisitType: Licensing Study

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Quality Rated: 👚





Compliance Zone Designation					
09/27/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing			
03/08/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			
11/18/2020	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.

Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting Support 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	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	1	4	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	1	5	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	1		-		

Children Present: 1 Total Children: 5

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

#### Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on September 27, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all

A virtual inspection was conducted on September 27, 2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On this date the consultant discussed rule changes effective October 01, 2020.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/27/2021

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, 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 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: https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/ Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov

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)

nadijah Farmer, Program Official	Date	Verlyn Gant, 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-.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

Care is not provided for any infant required to be in a crib

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

N/A

#### Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility** 

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(2)(a) - requires the Home to have a written plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to fire, severe weather, loss of electrical power or water, and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Home. The Home will have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, continuity of operations, accommodation of infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions. No Home personnel shall impede in any way the delivery of emergency care or services to a child by licensed or certified emergency health care professionals.

Please ensure that your emergency preparedness plan is completed.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2021

#### Comment

290-2-3-.11(2)(h) - Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home 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 outside area appears clean and well maintained.

**Food Service** 

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

Met

#### Comment

290-2-3-.10(3)(c) - Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2021

#### Comment

290-2-3-.10(8) - 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.

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Correction Deadline: 9/27/2021

## **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

#### Commen

Staff state proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

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

N/A

#### Comment

There are no diapered children currently enrolled in the program.

#### 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 Discipline(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

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

Met

#### Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

## **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

#### Comment

Discussed staff qualifications and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

## **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

290-2-3-.07(17) - Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.

## Correction Deadline: 9/27/2021

#### Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.