

# 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: 10/21/2022 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 10:15 AM Departure: 11:15 AM

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Quality Rated: \*







Compliance Zone Designation					
10/21/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing			
04/26/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			
11/15/2021	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.

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

Children Present: 3 Total Children: 7

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

### <u>Comments</u>

An in-person inspection was conducted on October 21, 2022 with the Director. Background checks were all reviewed on October 21, 2022.

An Administrative Review was conducted on October 21, 2022. Staff files, children's files, and training documentation were all reviewed.

The Consultant completed the exit conference, and a copy of the Licensing Study Visit report was given to the Provider on October 21, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed 01/01/0001

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



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!

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 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

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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.

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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 Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. 290-2-3-.07 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) N/A Comment There is no pool on the property **Facility** 290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) Met Comment Home observed complete emergency drills An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date. Comment Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required 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

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

# **Health and Hygiene** 290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR) Met Comment Proper diapering procedures observed. Comment Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home. 290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) Met Comment Proper diapering procedures observed. 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 Met Comment Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date. 290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR) Met Comment Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed. 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)

Met

### Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

# 290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR) Comment Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations. 290-2-3-.07 Staff Training Met Comment Annual training requirement and documentation observed. 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.