



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 6/29/2023    **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 8:00 AM    **Departure:** 9:30 AM

**FR-58685**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
06/29/2023	Initial 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.

<b>Ratio Capacity</b>					
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
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	0				

Children Present: 0                                      Total Children: 0  
 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2                      Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

**Comments**

Initial Licensing Visit was conducted on June 29, 2023. Permission to operate was granted on this date. Facility does not carry liability insurance.

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, <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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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](http://www.decalkoala.com) with the user id 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 1 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

Roxana Valdivia, Program Official

Date

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment**

**290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

**290-2-3-.19 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Consultant discussed with the provider ensuring that prior to caring for infants, they should ensure that they take the Safe Sleep training and consult with their regional consultant on approved cribs and crib mattresses.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

**Children's Records**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Children's records were not observed on this date as they were not on site.

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**290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)****Met****Comment**

Consultant discussed with the Director the importance of ensuring that all the information on the enrollment packet be filled out by parents. Consultant also discussed with the Director ensuring that parental agreements/authorizations be filled out and kept on file.

**Facility**

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**290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Met****Comment**

Consultant observed complete emergency drills. Provider will submit Emergency Preparedness Plans.

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**Comment**

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

**Comment**

An operable smoke detector was observed in the childcare area as required this date. Consultant discussed with the provider ensuring that another smoke detector is placed on the main level of the home.

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**290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)****Met****Comment**

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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**290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the provider ensuring that a board is placed under the white gates on the playground to eliminate the entrapment hazard. Consultant also discussed with the provider ensuring that the sharp rocks on the playground are covered with mulch or pine straw. Provider stated that new turf is going to be installed on the playground.

**Comment**

Consultant observed approximately 40 bags of rubber mulch on the playground. Provider stated that the mulch will be distributed on the playground prior to children starting on July 5, 2023.

**Comment**

The outside area appears clean and well maintained. There were no swinging or climbing equipment observed on site.

**Food Service**

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**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Consultant discussed with the Provider 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. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut, or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability.

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**290-2-3-.10 Kitchen Operations****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the provider ensuring that two (2) thermometers are purchased, one for the fridge and the other for the freezer. Please ensure that the fridge temperature is 40 degrees or below and the freezer temperature is 0 degrees or below.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

There were no children present on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the provider on this date.

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

**Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Provider on this date.

**290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR) Met**

**Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

**Licensure**

**290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR) Met**

**Comment**

Permission to Operate was granted on this date. Per zoning limitations, the overall licensed capacity is five (5) children at any given time.

**Safety and Discipline**

**290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR) Met**

**Comment**

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Consultant discussed appropriate discipline and guidance techniques with the provider.

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

**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The Provider will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hour transportation training prior to transporting children.

**Staff Records**

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

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. Two (2) records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file, one for the provider and one for the provider's spouse.

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b>
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**290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)****Met****Comment**

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Consultant discussed ratios with the Provider on this date. Consultant informed the provider that as per zoning limitations, the maximum number of children that can be present receiving care is five (5) children.

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**290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)****Met****Comment**

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Consultant discussed direct supervision with the provider on this date