



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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### Cover Sheet

**Date:** 10/5/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:00 AM

**Departure:** 11:00 AM

**FR-36778**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
10/05/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/06/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/16/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

### 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	2	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	2	2	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	2				
Children Present: 2 Total Children: 2 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

### Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on October 5, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on October 6, 2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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



### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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)

Patricia Scroggins, Program Official

Date

Kedirile Magakgala, Consultant

Date

Jennifer Bailey, 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.

**Comment**

Toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Currently the provider is not caring for infants. Consultants observed clean cots and mats, and prover stated that sheets are changed daily.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 2**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 1

Met

Child # 2

Met

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**Comment**

Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that parents or authorized persons that pick up and drop off the child fill out all the information on the sign-in and sign-out form.

**Correction Deadline: 10/5/2021**

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

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

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**Facility**

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

Consultant reviewed complete emergency drill logs. Consultant discussed with the provider completing emergency drill on different days.

**Comment**

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.

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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)****Met****Comment**

Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazards: - Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and toys. Potential entrapment hazards in the fence surrounding the playground area. Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e. ants, bees, etc.). Loose and/or weak tree branches surrounding the playground area. Standing water in and around playground equipment after inclement weather. Fall zones and resilient surface.

**Comment**

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

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**Food Service**

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

Consultant observed appropriate menu. 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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**290-2-3-.10 Kitchen Operations****Met****Comment**

Consultant observed a clean food preparation area.

**Correction Deadline: 10/17/2021**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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<b>290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

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<b>290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas &amp; Practices(CR)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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**Comment**

There are no diapered children currently enrolled in the program.

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<b>290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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**Comment**

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed.

<b>Licensure</b>
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<b>290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home on this date. Consultant observed two unrelated children for pay and the provider.

<b>Safety and Discipline</b>
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<b>290-2-3-.11 Animals</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date.

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<b>290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

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<b>290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s). Consultant reminded the Provider to add a triangular bandage to the first aid kit.

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<b>290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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<b>290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Correction Deadline: 5/6/2021**

**Corrected on 10/5/2021**

Previous citation corrected on this date. The Provider's child who turned 17 in February has submitted both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. All residents were observed to have a Satisfactory Comprehensive Background Check on this date..

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

**Correction Deadline: 5/6/2021**

**Corrected on 10/5/2021**

**Previous citation corrected on this date. All residents in the home were observed to have a Satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check.**

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<b>290-2-3-.07 First Aid &amp; CPR</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR.

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<b>290-2-3-.07 Independent Contractors(CR)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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**Comment**

The facility does not currently have any independent contractors employed.

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<b>290-2-3-.07 Other Staff Direct Contact with Children(CR)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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**Comment**

The facility does not currently have any additional staff employed.

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<b>290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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<b>290-2-3-.07 Staff Training</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Annual training requirement and documentation observed.

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<b>290-2-3-.07 Students-in-Training(CR)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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**Comment**

The facility does not currently have any students-in-training employed.

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<b>290-2-3-.07 Volunteers(CR)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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**Comment**

The facility does not currently have any volunteers employed.

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

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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<b>290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

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.

**Comment**

The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children.