



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

Date: 3/15/2022 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:15 AM **Departure:** 10:30 AM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
03/15/2022	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	<p>Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</p> <p>Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.</p> <p>Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</p>

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

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on March 11, 2022. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on March 15, 2022. The exit conference was conducted virtually on March 17, 2022 at 3:00PM with the Provider. Permission to Operate License was issued 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.dec.al.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 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@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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.dec.al.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 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)

Brandi Black, Program Official

Date

Kedirile Magakgala, Consultant

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Findings Report

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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.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Consultant observed one playpen that met safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards. Playpen label stated that it was safe for sleep.

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

There is no pool on the property

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Provider will be using state provided enrollment forms. Consultant discussed ensuring that there are no blanks on the enrollment forms and that each individual child has their own enrollment file.

290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)

Met

Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date). Consultant discussed the importance of having Parental Authorizations on file.

Facility

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

Per the Provider, there are no firearms in the home.

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 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****Comment**

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Food Service

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

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk 5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk 2 of 5 Components for snack Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers. The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website: DECAL <http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx> USDA <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

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.

Health and Hygiene

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

There were no children enrolled 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**

The Provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

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

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date). Consultant discussed proper medication documentation and procedures with the Provider.

Licensure

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

Permission to Operate issued on this date. Per City of Elberton zoning requirements, the overall licensed capacity is five (5) children.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed two Rabies Vaccination Certificates dated March 8, 2022. The Vaccination will expire on March 8, 2023. One Vaccination Certificate was for a Terrier Mix dog and the other was for a Hound Mix.

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

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date). Consultant discussed appropriate discipline and guidance techniques with the Provider.

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)**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 Criminal Records Checks were submitted to the Department, one for the Provider, and one for the Provider's spouse. Both records were observed to have Comprehensive Satisfactory Criminal Background Check Determination Letters.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

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

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Pre-Service training requirement and documentation observed.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)**Met****Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date). Consultant discussed ratios with the Provider on this date.

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

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date). Consultant discussed direct supervision with the Provider on this date.