

## 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**

Arrival: 1:00 PM Date: 7/14/2021 VisitType: POI Follow Up Departure: 1:45 PM

FR-50016 Regional Consultant

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**Quality Rated: No** 

Com	pliance Zone Desig	<u>nation</u>	<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			
07/14/2021	POI Follow Up	Good Standing		ort, and deficient.		
06/15/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	Good Standing	<ul> <li>Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</li> </ul>		
04/27/2021	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	Support Deficient	<ul> <li>Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.</li> <li>Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting</li> </ul>		
				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	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	4	4	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	4	4	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	4		-		

Total Children: 4 Children Present: 4

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

#### **Comments**

A virtual POI Follow-Up was conducted on July 14, 2021 with the provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to COVID-19.

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://gualityrated.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: <a href="http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx">http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx</a>

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)

Mary Daniels, Program Official	Date	Leena Mitchell, Consultant	Date



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## **Findings Report**

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

# **Activities and Equipment**

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2021

Corrected on 7/14/2021

.19(1)(b)2 - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed cots to be marked for individual use during virtual visit.

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2021

Corrected on 7/14/2021

.19(1)b)3 - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed cots to have top and bottom sheets.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/7/2021

Corrected on 7/14/2021

.11(2)(h) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed the fire extinguisher to inaccessible to the children.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2021

Corrected on 7/14/2021

.13(1) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed the home to be clean and free of hazardous conditions.

**Food Service** 

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2021

#### Corrected on 7/14/2021

.10(1) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed a current posted menu that met the USDA guidelines.

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2021

#### Corrected on 7/14/2021

.10(3)(g) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed table and chairs where children sit during meals.

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2021

#### Corrected on 7/14/2021

.10(6) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed a current posted menu. Consultant discussed with provider a plan to ensure menu's are kept for six (6) months.

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2021

#### Corrected on 7/14/2021

.10(7)(g) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed water bottles to be available to all children. Provider implemented a plan to ensure drinking water is available

## 290-2-3-.10 Kitchen Operations

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2021

#### Corrected on 7/14/2021

.10(18) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant discussed with provider hand washing and hygiene procedures for staff who is preparing food during virtual visit. Provider stated proper knowledge.

# Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2021

#### Corrected on 7/14/2021

.11(1)(j) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant discussed with provider hand washing and hygiene procedures for children during virtual visit. Provider stated proper knowledge.

Licensure

## 290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2021

#### **Corrected on 7/14/2021**

.04(1)(d) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed the appropriate number of children in Family Child Care Learning Home on this date.

# Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals Met

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2021

#### Corrected on 7/14/2021

.11(1)(n) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed animals to be properly confined and not kept in the child care area during the virtual visit.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2021

#### Corrected on 7/14/2021

.11(3)(a) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed provider to maintain a positive learning environment on this date. Provider stated proper discipline procedures during the virtual visit.

Staff Records

## 290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

Defer

#### Defer

290-2-3-.07(9)- Consultant discussed provider is required to complete ten (10) annual clock hours for 2021. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will obtain the required annual training for Staff and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file. The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested.

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2021

# **Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision**

## 290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/7/2021

## Corrected on 7/14/2021

.07(15) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed the appropriate number of children in Family Child Care Learning Home on this date.

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2021

## Corrected on 7/14/2021

.07(17) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed the Provider directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children.