

# 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: 6/16/2022 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 9:50 AM Departure: 11:00 AM

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| Compliance Zone Designation |                  |               |  |  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------|--|--|
| 06/16/2022                  | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |  |  |
| 10/05/2021                  | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |  |  |
| 05/06/2021                  | Monitoring Visit | 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

**Deficient** - 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)    | 1                | 1             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 1 & 2 Years          | 2                | 3             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 3 & 4 Years          | 2                | 2             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| School Age(5+) Years | 0                | 0             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| Total Under 13 Years | 5                | 6             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| Total Under 18 Years | 5                |               | -    | -           |                   |

Children Present: 5 Total Children: 6

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

## Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/16/2022

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, <a href="http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>, 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 <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a> 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 <a href="www.decalkoala.com">www.decalkoala.com</a> 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)

| Richelle Brooks, Program Official | Date | Sondra Paster, Consultant | Date |
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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

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

## 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)

Met

#### Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

#### Comment

There is no pool on the property

## **Children's Records**

| Records Reviewed: 5 | Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0 |
|---------------------|---|
| Child # 1           | Met   |
| Child # 2           | Met   |
| Child # 3           | Met   |
| Child # 4           | Met   |

Met

Child # 5

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

Met

#### Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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

Met

#### Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

**Facility** 

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

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(a) requires the Home to have a written plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to fire, severe weather, loss of electrical power or water, and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Home. The Home will have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, continuity of operations, accommodation of infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions. No Home personnel shall impede in any way the delivery of emergency care or services to a child by licensed or certified emergency health care professionals. It was determined based on observation that the provider was observed to be without a written plan for handling emergencies.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will complete a written plan for emergencies as the consultant emailed the written emergency template to the provider.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2022

#### Finding

290-2-3-.11(2)(c) requires that documentation of drills required by these rules shall be maintained in the Home. The Home shall conduct drills for fire, tornado, and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Home shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on observation that the provider had not completed fire drills since October 2021.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will develop and implement a plan and schedule for conducting the required drills, completing the documentation, keeping the documentation on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2022

#### Comment

Home observed complete emergency drills

#### Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

#### Commont

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.

**Food Service** 

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

Met

#### Comment

Menu observed to meet USDA guidelines as the provider was observed to serve tater tots, strawberries and milk for breakfast.

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

Met

#### Comment

Kitchen clean and well maintained.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2022

**Health and Hygiene** 

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

Met

## 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

N/A

#### Comment

The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

## Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

#### Comment

The provider and/or the home's employee were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Provider stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

#### Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

## 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

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.