

# 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: 9/29/2022 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 10:30 AM Departure: 12:45 PM

FR-55129

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**Quality Rated: No** 

Compliance Zone Designation					
09/29/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			
06/24/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			
12/14/2021	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.

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

Deficient

Children Present: 4 Total Children: 5

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

#### **Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow up to the previous visit conducted on June 24, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed 01/01/0001

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).

Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

Revision #1

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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)

Yamile Pernett Galarcio, Program Official	Date	Lynn Schnitzer, Consultant	Date



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#### **Findings Report**

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

## **Activities and Equipment**

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

Met

#### Comment

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

#### Comment

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

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2022

#### **Corrected on 9/29/2022**

.19(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The provider is not using the "pack and play" for naps. The provider has cots for all enrolled children.

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

Not Evaluated

#### Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

## **Children's Records**

# Records Reviewed: 5 Child # 1 Child # 2 Child # 3 Met Child # 4 Met Met Met

Child # 5

Met

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2022

#### **Corrected on 9/29/2022**

08(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.. Consultant observed immunization forms to be current for all enrolled children.

**Facility** 

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) - 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)

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(1) - Consultant discussed with provider to ensure that window screens are in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2022

#### 290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

#### Comment

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

#### Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

# **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

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2022

#### **Corrected on 9/29/2022**

.11(1)(d) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The provider is no longer administering medication.

Licensure

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

Met

#### Comment

The consultant observed the provider to care for four unrelated children for pay on this date.

### **Safety and Discipline**

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

Met

#### Comment

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

#### Comment

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

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

**Not Evaluated** 

#### 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 June 24, 2022.

#### Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

#### 290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

# **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

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