

# 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: 10:00 AM Departure: 10:45 AM **Date:** 2/28/2022 VisitType: Licensing Study

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Quality Rated: \*\*

Compliance Zone Designation					
02/28/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing			
07/15/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing			
01/14/2021	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.

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

Children Present: 3 Total Children: 7

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

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study. This vist was completed in person by the consultant on this date.

An Administrative Review for a Licensing Study was completed on March 7, 2022. During the review, the Consultant observed required documentation needed for a Licensing Study.

An Exit conference was conducted via telephone with the Provider on March 7, 2022. The consultant emailed the Licensing Study report to the provider for signature on March 7, 2022. Provider has two business days to return signed copy or report.

Consultant emailed the revised infant feeding pland and required Provider and Consultant to complete the Health and Safety Orientation training.

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 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)

Tracey Brown, Program Official	Date	Charlene Story, Consultant	Date	



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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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured on this date.

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Observed infant child being laid on back in the crib.

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

# **Children's Records**

Met

Records Reviewed: 3 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1 Met

Child # 2 Met

Child # 3 Met

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

Met

#### Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

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

Met

#### Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on 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)

**Technical Assistance** 

### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that playground equipment is cleaned on a regular bases.

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2022

**Food Service** 

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

**Not 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://decal.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx USDA http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.10(3) requires a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age be obtained from Parent(s). Instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the main child care area and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined based on consultant's review of children's enrollment forms, that one out one infants enrolled had the wrong feeding plan form competed by the parent.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will develop and implement a plan to obtain and post the completed feeding plan as part of the enrollment process and to have parents update the plans on a regular basis.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2022

**Health and Hygiene** 

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures on this date.

# Met 290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) Comment The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures. 290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR) Met 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 Met 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 redirection was observed. 290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit Met Comment Please replace or add missing or expired items in first aid kits. 290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR) Met Comment The provider does not provide routine transportation. **Staff Records** 290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met 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 Independent Contractors(CR) Met The facility does not currently have any independent contractors employed. 290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR) Met

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Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

# 290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

Met

### Comment

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each Staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

#### Comment

Consultant observed the ten (10) hours of required annual training requirement for the year 2021.

#### 290-2-3-.07 Students-in-Training(CR)

Met

#### Comment

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

## 290-2-3-.07 Volunteers(CR)

Met

#### Comment

The facility does not currently have any volunteers employed.

# **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.