

#### 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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Date: 5/16/2023 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 12:50 PM Departure: 2:00 PM

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**Quality Rated:** 



Compliance Zone Designation			
05/16/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/06/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/04/2022	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 perform

 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.

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

Children Present: 4 Total Children: 4

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

#### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring visit.

Children's immunization and records were available for the consultant to review.

No citations were observed on this date.

An exit conference discussing the Monitoring visit report was conducted with the provider on this date. The consultant emailed a copy of the signed report to the provider on this date.

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).

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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

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 <u>www.decalkoala.com</u> 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)





## **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!

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## (Findings Report)

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#### The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

	Activities and Equipment
290-2-312 Equipment and Supplies(CR)	Met
<b>Comment</b> Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured on this date.	
290-2-319 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR)	Met
Comment Pleasant naptime environment observed.	
290-2-307 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)	Met
Comment Home does not provide swimming activities.	
	Facility
290-2-311 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Met
Comment No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.	
290-2-313 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)	Met
<b>Comment</b> The Home appears clean and free from hazards.	
290-2-313 Playgrounds(CR)	Met
Comment The outside area appears clean and well maintained.	
	Health and Hygiene

# 290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR) Met Comment Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the provider 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 Discipline(CR) Met Comment The provider and/or the home's employee were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this 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 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

<b>Comment</b> Adequate supervision observed on this date.		
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