

## 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: 4/26/2022 Arrival: 11:15 AM Departure: 12:30 PM VisitType: Licensing Study

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**Quality Rated: No** 

**Compliance Zone Designation** 

04/26/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
10/13/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
05/19/2021	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	0	0	0	1
1 & 2 Years	2	2	0	1	0
3 & 4 Years	4	3	0	1	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	7	5	0	2	1
Total Under 18 Years	7			-	-

Total Children: 8 Children Present: 7

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2

## Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study. This visit was conducted in person by the consultant on April 26, 2022.

An Administrative Review of requested documents for a Licensing study was uploaded and reviewed by the Consultant on April 26 and April

An exit conference discussing the Licensing Study report was conducted with the Provider on April 29, 2022. Consultant emailed the Licensing Study report to the Provider requesting signature and to be returned to the Consultant within two business days.

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 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 qualityrated@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

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.

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

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
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

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)

Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

Beatriz Harrison, Program Official

Revision #0 Revision Date: 4/28/2022 4:48:05 PM

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

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

# **Children's Records**

Records Reviewed: 7	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components	
Child # 1	Met	
Child # 2	Met	
Child # 3	Met	
Child # 4	Met	
Child # 5	Met	

Records Reviewed: 7 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 6 Met

Child # 7 Met

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

#### Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**Facility** 

Met

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

**Not Met** 

#### Finding

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) requires that poisons, medicines, cleaning agents and other hazardous materials be in locked areas or inaccessible to children. It was determined based on consultant observation that in the kitchen, cleaning agents and hazardous materials were being stored under the sink in an unlocked cabinet, making them accessible to the children.

### POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the safe storage of hazardous items, the Home Provider will make these items inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2022

## 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

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

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

### Comment

Consultant discussed proper hand washing of children and staff with the provider on this date.

## 290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

### 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 Not Met

#### **Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(n) requires pets in the Home be properly vaccinated in accordance with the requirements of the local county Boards of Health. Unconfined pets shall not be permitted in child care areas when any Child is present except for supervised learning experiences. It was determined based on observation that a small dog was allowed to walk freely around the home while children were present.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure that all animals are properly vaccinated and that unconfined animals are not allowed in child care areas.

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2022

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

Met

#### Comment

Discipline was not observed on this date. Consultant discussed age appropriate discipline with Provider on this date.

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit Met

#### Comment

Please remember to replace or add any missing or expired items in first aid kit..

# 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

#### Comment

The facility does not currently have any independent contractors employed.

## 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

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 required 10 Hours of annual training 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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.