

#### 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: 8/18/2022 Arrival: 10:00 AM Departure: 10:45 AM VisitType: Monitoring Visit

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## Quality Rated: \*\*



Compliance Zone Designation				
08/18/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
03/22/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
07/20/2021	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

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)	0	0	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	3	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	4	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	3	0	1	0
Total Under 13 Years	3	9	0	1	0
Total Under 18 Years	3		-		-

Children Present: 3 Total Children: 11

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

#### Comments

An in-person walk through of the facility was conducted on August 18, 2022. A letter requesting documents be uploaded by August 22, 2022, for the annual review was left with the director and a signature obtained after the walk through. Background checks for all staff were reviewed during the walk-through visit. The annual review was completed on August 23,2022, and a copy of the was emailed to the provider on this day.

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, <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="https://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)

Anitren Barrett, Program Official	Date	Kelly Wilson, 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

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.

**Facility** 

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2022

#### **Corrected on 8/18/2022**

.11(2)(f) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. No hazards were observed accessible to children in care.

#### 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)

Defer

#### Defer

290-2-3-.13(2)(a)-This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when inclement weather does not prohibit the playground to be observed.

#### **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will repair any and all identified outdoor hazards and will monitor playground daily or more often as needed to ensure that the Home's outdoor play area is kept clean and free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2022

## **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

#### 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 Discipline(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

#### 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

#### Comment

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