



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 8/15/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 4:15 PM

**Departure:** 5:30 PM

**FR-55364**

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**Quality Rated:** No

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                         |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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. |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--|
| 08/15/2022                         | Monitoring Visit        | Good Standing |  |
| 06/21/2022                         | Monitoring Visit        | Good Standing |  |
| 01/07/2022                         | Initial Licensing Study | Good Standing |  |

  

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| <b>Good Standing</b> | - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.     |
| <b>Support</b>       | - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.         |
| <b>Deficient</b>     | - 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                 | 0                | 0             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 3 & 4 Years                 | 0                | 0             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| School Age(5+) Years        | 0                | 0             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| <b>Total Under 13 Years</b> | 0                | 0             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| <b>Total Under 18 Years</b> | 0                |               |      |             |                   |

  

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Children Present: 0           | Total Children: 0           |
| Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 | Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1 |

**Comments**

An in-person walk through of the facility was conducted on August 15, 2022. A letter requesting documents be uploaded by August 16, 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 25, 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, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical 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](http://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)

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Destini Hardy, Program Official

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Date

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Kelly Wilson, Consultant

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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**

**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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface under swing set and fencing of play area from trampoline.

## Health and Hygiene

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

Met

#### Comment

There were no children in attendance on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the provider on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

### 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

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

## Safety and Discipline

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

Met

#### Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

### 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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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