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**Date:** 9/6/2018    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 8:40 AM    **Departure:** 10:40 AM

**FR-24095**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--|
| 09/06/2018                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |  |
| 03/01/2018                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |  |
| 09/29/2017                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |  |

**Ratios/License Capacity**

| Age Ranges                    | Children Present | Child For Pay               | CAPS | Not for Pay | Provider Children |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------|-------------|-------------------|
| Infant (0-11 mos)             | 0                | 1                           | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 1 & 2 Years                   | 3                | 4                           | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 3 & 4 Years                   | 0                | 3                           | 0    | 1           | 0                 |
| School Age(5+) Years          | 0                | 9                           | 0    | 2           | 2                 |
| <b>Total Under 13 Years</b>   | 3                | 17                          | 0    | 3           | 0                 |
| <b>Total Under 18 Years</b>   | 3                |                             |      |             |                   |
| Children Present: 3           |                  | Total Children: 22          |      |             |                   |
| Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 |                  | Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1 |      |             |                   |

**Comments**

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a licensing study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/06/2018

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

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), e-mail the following information to [CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us).

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.state.ga.us/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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 New Deadlines:**

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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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-.09 Activities**

**Met**

**Comment**

A variety of developmentally appropriate activities were observed to be provided.

**Correction Deadline: 9/6/2018**

**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**

Safety approved cribs were observed. The consultant observed items in and attached to unoccupied cribs, please ensure the cribs are free of all items prior to use.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 3**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 1

Met

Child # 2

Met

Child # 3

Met

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**290-2-3-.08 Children's Records****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Records were observed to be well organized. Please be mindful of immunization expiration dates.

**Facility**

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**290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Met****Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date. A working fire extinguisher and smoke detector were observed. The consultant printed the current emergency drill log for the provider on this date to incorporate lockdown and tornado drills once every six months. An updated template was also provided for the emergency plan.

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**290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)****Met****Comment**

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**Food Service**

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**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018:

-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

**Health and Hygiene**

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**290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

Provider was observed to remind children to wash hands.

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**290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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**290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

Provider stated that medication has not been administered or dispensed since the previous visit.

**Licensure**

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**290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)****Met**

**Comment**

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date. The provider was observed to care for three unrelated children for compensation on this date.

**Safety and Discipline**

**290-2-3-.11 Animals**

**Met**

**Comment**

The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals requiring vaccinations on premises.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

**Staff Records**

**290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records Check(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. The provider stated there have been no new hires since the previous visit. The consultant discussed with the provider the proposed rule changes effective October 1, 2018:

- Local background checks (with purpose code "W") will no longer be accepted (no more 21-day provisional employment).
- Everyone must have at least a satisfactory fingerprint-based background check letter before they can be present at the center to care for children.
- The new definition of Provisional Employee includes those with only a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination. People with this type of clearance are allowed on site, but must be under the direct and continuous supervision of a Director or Employee with a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination.
- A new comprehensive background check must be run for anyone who has had a lapse of employment in the child care industry that lasts 6 months or longer. (Students-in-Training are considered "employed in the child care industry" if they've been enrolled in a child care related curriculum).
- Letters will only be accepted at a new facility if they are "ported" electronically.

**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 Staff Qualifications(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**290-2-3-.07 Staff Training**

**Met**

**Comment**

Annual training requirement and documentation observed.

## Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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### 290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.