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**Date:** 10/8/2019    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 12:45 PM    **Departure:** 2:15 PM

**FR-24757**

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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.  <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.
10/08/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/17/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/30/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

**Ratios/License Capacity**

Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	1	1	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	1	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	2	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	4	6	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	4				
Children Present: 4		Total Children: 6			
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1		Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1			

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/08/2019

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)

Jacqueline Blalock, Program Official

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, as applicable on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position on this date.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities at this time.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 4**

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

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met

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**290-2-3-.08 Children's Records****Met****Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized on this date.

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**290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)****Met****Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained and completed on this date.

<b>Facility</b>
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**290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(a) requires the Home to have a written plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to fire, severe weather, loss of electrical power or water, and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Home. The Home will have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, continuity of operations, accommodation of infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions. No Home personnel shall impede in any way the delivery of emergency care or services to a child by licensed or certified emergency health care professionals. It was determined based on a review of records the provider did not have a written plan for handling emergencies included but was not limited to fire, severe weather, loss of electrical power or water, and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Home, and procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, continuity of operations, accommodation of infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will complete a written plan for emergencies.

**Correction Deadline: 10/18/2019****Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children as required.

**Comment**

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home on this date.

**Comment**

Operable smoke detectors were observed as required in the home on this date.

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

The Home appears clean and free from hazards on this date.

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

Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure the fence for the playground is free of entrapment hazards as required. Consultant discussed placing a surrounding fencing material to ensure there were no gaps present.

**Correction Deadline: 10/8/2019**

<b>Food Service</b>
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**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

The provider reported that children were served baked chicken, macaroni and cheese, sliced pears, green beans, and 1% milk for lunch on this date.

## Health and Hygiene

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home on this date.

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure diapered children are changed on a nonporous surface which is cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single use disposable towel after each diaper change as required.

**Correction Deadline: 10/8/2019**

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Per the provider no medication was currently dispensed at this time.

## Licensure

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date. A current 2019 license was observed posted in the home on this date.

## Safety and Discipline

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date. The family dog named Midnight was last vaccinated on May 13, 2019 with reminder dates set for May 13, 2020 for future vaccinations.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home on this date. Reminder to please replace after-bite as it was observed to be expired.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation at this time.

## Staff Records

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**290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met**

**Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Provider stated that there have been no new hires since last visit which was completed on January 17, 2019.

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete on this date.

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**290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR Met**

**Comment**

Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR with an expiration date of May 6, 2021.

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR) Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

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

**Comment**

Annual training for 2018 requirements and documentation was observed as completed on this date.

<b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b>
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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.