



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 8/6/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:45 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

**FR-29382**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

| Compliance Zone Designation |                  |               | <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. |
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| 08/06/2019                  | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 01/10/2019                  | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 08/06/2018                  | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

**Ratios/License Capacity**

| Age Ranges                                                                                                  | Children Present | Child For Pay | CAPS | Not for Pay | Provider Children |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------|-------------|-------------------|
| Infant (0-11 mos)                                                                                           | 0                | 0             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 1 & 2 Years                                                                                                 | 4                | 5             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 3 & 4 Years                                                                                                 | 3                | 2             | 0    | 1           | 0                 |
| School Age(5+) Years                                                                                        | 1                | 2             | 0    | 1           | 0                 |
| Total Under 13 Years                                                                                        | 8                | 9             | 0    | 2           | 0                 |
| Total Under 18 Years                                                                                        | 8                |               |      |             |                   |
| Children Present: 8 Total Children: 11<br>Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1         |                  |               |      |             |                   |
| <b>More than 6 for pay</b><br>6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notarized no-pay statement |                  |               |      |             |                   |

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/06/2019

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.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

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.

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#### 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@decal.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov).

- 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://decal.ga.gov/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.

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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.decal.ga.gov/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

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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)

Technical Assistance

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.12(3) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and ensure crib rails and plexiglass windows are cleaned and disinfected daily.

**Correction Deadline: 8/6/2019**

**Comment**

Toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions.

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.12(7) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and secure the small computer/tv screen in the playroom so that it does not become a tipping hazard.

**Correction Deadline: 8/6/2019**

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

Met

**Comment**

Currently the provider is not caring for infants. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

N/A

**Comment**

There is no pool on the property

### Facility

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| <b>290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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| <b>290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)</b> | <b>Technical Assistance</b> |
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**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and repaint the roots that are exposed on the playground area.

**Correction Deadline: 8/16/2019**

**Comment**

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and repair or replace the fencing on the left side by the gate where a gap is beginning to develop between the slats.

**Correction Deadline: 8/6/2019**

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| <b>Health and Hygiene</b> |
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| <b>290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

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| <b>290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas &amp; Practices(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

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| <b>290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

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| <b>Licensure</b> |
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| <b>290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)</b> | <b>Not Met</b> |
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**Finding**

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) requires a person that provides care for more than six children for pay, related or unrelated, as defined in the rules, to make application to the Department for a license to operate as a Child Care Learning Center. It was determined based on an observation that the provider cared for seven unrelated children for pay and one related child not for pay on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Family Child Care Learning Home caring for more than six children shall reduce the number of children in care to six. The Family Child Care Learning Home will submit an application for a Child Care Learning Center and receive a license to operate from the Department before caring for more than six children, related or unrelated, for pay.

**Correction Deadline: 8/6/2019**

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| <b>Safety and Discipline</b> |
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| <b>290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

The provider and/or the home's employee were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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| <b>290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

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| <b>Staff Records</b> |
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| <b>290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Provider provided one file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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| <b>290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| <b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b> |
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| <b>290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)</b> | <b>Not Met</b> |
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**Finding**

290-2-3-.07(12) requires the Home to ensure that the total number of Children unrelated to the Provider in the Family Child Care Learning Home, for pay or not for pay, cannot exceed six children, except during two designated hours approved by the Department. It was determined based on an observation that the provider cared for seven unrelated children for pay and one related child not for pay on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will reduce the number of unrelated children, both for pay and not for pay, so that the total number of unrelated children in care does not exceed the number of children as specified in these rules.

**Correction Deadline: 8/16/2019**

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| <b>290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

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