



Bright Horizons Family Solutions® (NYSE: BFAM) believes the most successful companies for investors are also Dream Companies for employees. And according to its website, “our goal is to help employers become those Dream Companies. Since launching our first employer-sponsored child care center in 1986, we’ve been at the forefront of modern business cultures that are changing the way employers support people and achieve success.” Today, thousands of working parents around the world rely on more than 1,000 Bright Horizons child care centers for the care and education of their children; and many of the world’s top employers look to our benefits as the foundation for cultures recognized year after year by lists including Fortune and Working Mother.

“As CISO of Bright Horizons, communication on the cybersecurity posture of the company to executive management and other stakeholders is a critical responsibility. We selected the CyberStrong platform because it provides a clear risk measurement based on the NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) and the flexibility to add other standards.”

- Javed Ikbal, CISO and VP of Information Security, Risk Management and Compliance, Bright Horizons

## — BUSINESS CHALLENGE

## Automated Audit Documentation and Board-Ready Reporting

Bright Horizons needed a method to accelerate the assessment of their existing controls against standard frameworks such as the NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF). As a Fortune 75 organization, operating internationally and in high-regulation areas such as military bases, the corporate cybersecurity team needed a tool that would help them standardize across multiple frameworks and navigate complex regulatory environments around the work. They needed a solution that would automate the mandatory reporting as well as deliver visibility for their executive suite.

# Audit Management and Corporate Compliance Focus

CyberStrong provided a comprehensive and approachable way for the information security team at Bright Horizons to implement both of the new frameworks they needed as well as support the ongoing efforts using their existing structure. As a single-source-of-truth solution, senior-level security leaders can track compliance and remediation progress from one location in real time. The platform also automates reporting, both with standard SSP and POAM reports for DFARS audits, as well as customized executive facing reports to be delivered to the CEO and Board of Directors.

— INTEGRATED

Compliance and audit activities from locations globally.

— INCREASED

Senior-level visibility into information security operations and progress to remediation.

— REDUCED

Manual effort spent on menial tasks such as report generation and combination of data, saving the company time and money.

Additionally, the team used CyberSaint platform to streamline their responses to questionnaires they receive from their new clients as part of the vendor onboarding process. By combining these functions into one central platform, Bright Horizons was able to reduce the time spent on reporting and was able to focus on remediating.

“CyberStrong provides me with a means to effectively measure and communicate our overall compliance posture, AI to model my security investments for the best ROI, and information on risk exposure using an industry standard model paired with innovative technology. Bright Horizons management can now evaluate clear gaps and work with my team to manage risk across the enterprise.”  
- Javed Iqbal, CISO and VP of Information Security, Risk Management and Compliance, Bright Horizons

