



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 8/2/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:00 PM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

**FR-35852**

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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.
08/02/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/26/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/22/2020	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	0	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	6	7	0	1	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	2
Total Under 13 Years	6	7	0	1	2
Total Under 18 Years	6				
Children Present: 6 Total Children: 10 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 3					

**Comments**

A virtual inspection was conducted on August 2, 2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Consultant discussed and provided flyer regarding the CCLC Virtual Core Rules Refresher Sessions on this date.

Consultant discussed COVID-19 reporting and changes to DECAL Koala related to license amendments on this date.

Consultant discussed annual training with the provider on this date.

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/RuleAndRegulations.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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Date

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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**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

**Comment**

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

**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)** **N/A**

**Comment**

There is no pool on the property

### Facility

**290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(2)(a) - Consultant observed and discussed emergency preparedness plan on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 8/12/2021**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**Comment**

The Home appears clean and free from hazards. Consultant observed cleaning supplies in cabinet inaccessible to children on this date.

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

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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**290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

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**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.

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**Safety and Discipline**

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

290-2-3-.11(3) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the provider on this date.

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**290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

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**Staff Records**

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

**Correction Deadline: 8/2/2021**

**Corrected on 8/2/2021**

**.21(1)(a) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed the provider and staff to have a current and valid satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file.**

**Correction Deadline: 8/2/2021**

Corrected on 8/2/2021

.21(1)(c) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed the provider and staff to have a current and valid satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file.

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.21(1)(c) - Consultant discussed with the provider that the Home must ensure that the Provider, every actual and potential Employee, regardless of age, (including residents age 17 and older) and Provisional Employee of the Family Child Care Learning Home must submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. The consultant discussed the definition of a volunteer and the definition of an employee with the provider on this date. The consultant explained that regardless of age, any one who performs duties for or services that benefit the Home, with or without compensation, which involve personal contact between that person and any child being cared for by the Home, including but not limited to volunteers that perform consistent services for the Home, where services are considered consistent when provided more than once in a ninety calendar day period meets the definition of an employee and must with records check requirements. The consultant discussed that it is the Provider's responsibility to ensure that all staff (regardless of age) and residents (17 years of age or older) comply with records check requirements and maintain evidence on file at the program (i.e., in DECAL KOALA or a paper copy at the Home).

**Correction Deadline: 8/2/2021**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<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**

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