



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 4/19/2023 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

**Arrival:** 8:10 AM

**Departure:** 9:00 AM

**FR-54729**

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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.  <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.
04/19/2023	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/08/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/02/2021	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	

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	4	2	0	3	0
3 & 4 Years	3	2	0	1	0
School Age(5+) Years	1	1	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	9	6	0	4	0
Total Under 18 Years	9				
Children Present: 9		Total Children: 10			
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2		Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2			

**Comments**

A Plan Of Improvement Follow-Up was completed on April 19, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/19/2023

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), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com) with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

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 Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

**Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

Rhonda Young, Program Official

Date

Chasity Baugh, Consultant

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**(Findings Report)**

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

**Activities and Equipment**

**290-2-3-.09 Activities**

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed 290-2-3-.09(7) which requires that the use of entertainment media shall be limited to programs, tapes, and software that are produced for the benefit of audiences comprised of young children and not be the primary source of children's activities, used only in addition to other activities and for no more than two hours daily.

**Correction Deadline: 4/19/2023**

**290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/8/2023**

**Corrected on 4/19/2023**

.12(4) - This previous citation was observed to be corrected. Provider stated they no longer used recalled item.

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.19(2)(c) requires that infants shall only sleep in a safety approved crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep as described in 290-2-3-.19(1)(a) and shall not sleep in any other equipment, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the facility asleep or fall asleep in such equipment or on the floor shall be transferred to a safety approved crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep. It was determined based on observation that for an undetermined amount of time an infant was sleeping in their car seat in the floor.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will move infants who fall asleep in equipment other than a safety-approved crib such as a car safety seat, highchair or swing, or on the floor, to a safety-approved crib.

**Correction Deadline: 4/19/2023**

**Recited on 4/19/2023**

## Children's Records

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2023

Corrected on 4/19/2023

.08(13) - This previous citation was observed to be corrected as all children kept for no pay had a notarized statement from the parents on file, attesting to the non-pay status.

### Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed 290-2-3-.08(9) which requires that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent or guardian to drop off and pick up the Child document each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the Child. The documentation shall include at least the following information: the date, the Child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person and shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2023

## Facility

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

Defer

### Defer

290-2-3-.11(2)(c)- This previous citation is being deferred and will be evaluated at the next regulatory visit.

### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will develop and implement a plan and schedule for conducting the required drills, completing the documentation, keeping the documentation on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2023

## Licensure

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2023

Corrected on 4/19/2023

.04(1)(d) - This previous citation was observed to be corrected as provider kept six unrelated children for pay and four related children not for pay on this date.