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**Date:** 9/15/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:45 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

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**Quality Rated:** No

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
|---|---|---|
| 09/15/2026 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |
| 06/15/2026 | Initial Licensing Study | Good Standing |

**Compliance Zone Designation** - 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.

**Good Standing** - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
**Support** - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.
**Deficient** - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

**Ratio 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** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **3 & 4 Years** | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **School Age(5+) Years** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total Under 13 Years** | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total Under 18 Years** | 0 | | | | |

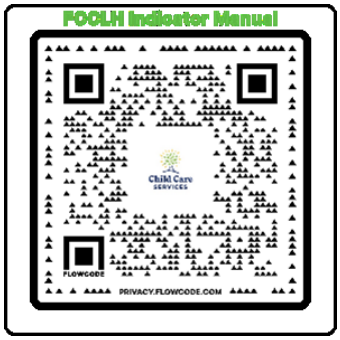
Children Present: 0
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1
Total Children: 1
Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Data retrieval failed for the subreport, 'RatioCapacity', located at: Koala.Reports.Visits.RDLC.RatioCapacity.rdlc.

**Comments**
Provider's CPR certification and Children's forms were available for the Consultant to review.

An exit conference discussing the Monitoring visit report was conducted with the Provider on this date. An email with the Monitoring visit report attached was sent to the Provider for signature on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date




For additional information regarding any licensing topics discussed during this visit, please consult the Rules and Regulations Indicator Manual. This manual provides comprehensive clarification of each rule, including evaluation indicators, related best practices, and relevant considerations to support your program's continued and sustained compliance.

To access the Indicator Manual, please scan the QR code below or visit our website at https://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx.




For additional information regarding the full compliance inspection results of this program or any licensed program in the state, access the Child Care Services Compliance-at-a Glance website by scanning this QR code or visiting: https://families.decal.ga.gov.

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), do the following:

1) Log into DECAL KOALA 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.

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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 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@decal.ga.gov **for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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**Summary 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**
Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured on this date.

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

**Comment**
Care is not provided for any infant required to be in a crib

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

**Comment**
Home does not provide swimming activities.

## Facility

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

**Comment**
Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

**Comment**
The Home appeared clean and free from hazards.

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

**Technical Assistance**
290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure grass is kept cut and there are no weeds or thorny vines growing through the fencing.

**Correction Deadline: 9/25/2026**

## Health and Hygiene

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

**Comment**
There were no children present on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff were discussed with the provider on this date.

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

**Comment**
The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

**Comment**
There are no diapered children currently enrolled in the program.

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

**Comment**
Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

## Licensure

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

**Comment**
Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

## Safety and Discipline

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

**Comment**
There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

**Comment**
The provider does not provide routine transportation.

## Staff Records

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

**Comment**
Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Comment**
Evidence observed that the Provider was certified in pediatric First Aid and CPR on this date.

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

**Comment**
Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

## Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

**290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**
There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

**290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**
There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)