



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/5/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:55 AM **Departure:** 12:50 PM

FR-23465

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Same

Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
03/05/2025	Licensing Study	Support	
05/06/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/10/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

Ratio Capacity					
Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	0	1	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	2	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	3	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	3	8	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	3				
Children Present: 3 Total Children: 8					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

Comments

An on-site inspection was conducted on March 5, 2025 with the Provider Margaret Brathwaite. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 03/19/2025

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.

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.

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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2007

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8), Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.19(1)(a)3 - The Consultant discussed with the Provider that the play yard sheet must be tight-fitting. The Consultant discussed with the Provider that each crib and other equipment approved for infant sleep shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which are changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

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

Met

Comment

There is no pool on the property

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2007

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8), Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Release Person Information - (.08)(10)

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.08(1) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider updating the Release Person Information for child #1. The Consultant discussed that the Home must have a current and updated record for each Child in care and for a period of one (1) year after each Child leaves. Such records shall include: identifying information (Child's name, birth date, Parent's name, home and business addresses, telephone numbers); name, address and telephone number of persons, including Child's physician, to contact in emergencies; and name, address, telephone numbers, relationship to Child and to Parent(s) and other identifying information of person(s) to whom the Child may be released.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.08(12) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider updating the documentation for the care of related children in the Home. The Consultant discussed that documentation for the care of related children in the Home, other than the Providers own children, include a notarized statement of family relationships by the Parent(s).

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.08(13) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider updating the documentation for children that are for no pay. The Consultant discussed that documentation for the care of children, related and unrelated, for whom no pay is received to include a notarized statement from the Parent(s) attesting to the non-pay status.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Finding

290-2-3-.08(2) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations; enrollment in the Home may not continue for more than 30 days without such evidence. It was determined based on a review of records that Child # 6 had an expired immunization record on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2025

Facility

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2007

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8), Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Home observed complete emergency drills

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(2)(h) - The Consultant discussed with the Provider that at least one UL Approved smoke detector to be on each floor of the Home and such detectors to be maintained in working order. At least one 2-A:10-B:C fire extinguisher shall be kept in the child care area to be located no more than thirty feet from the kitchen.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2025

Comment

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

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

Met

Comment

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) requires that outdoor play areas be kept clean and free of hazards such as exposed sharp corners of concrete or equipment, rust and splinters on equipment, broken glass, open drainage ditches, holes and stagnant water. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed on the playground:

- Car parts and wheels on the right and left side accessible to children in care.
- A shovel on the right side accessible to children in care.
- A lawn mower accessible to children in care.
- A fire pit on the back left side accessible to children in care.
- A ladder on the deck area accessible to children in care.
- Discarded concrete blocks, wood, and wood paneling on the front right side of the playground accessible to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2025

Recited on 3/5/2025

Finding

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) requires that outside play areas be protected from traffic or other hazards by fencing or other barriers at least four feet in height and approved by the Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children. A fence shall be provided around swimming pools to make them inaccessible when not in use. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards existed:

- The playground gate door was missing causing the playground not to be enclosed.
- There was one missing panel on the right side fence, causing a four inch gap in the fence.
- There was a broken wood panel on the right fence, causing a four inch gap in the fence.
- There were exposed nails throughout the right side fence.

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2025

Recited on 3/5/2025

Health and Hygiene

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2007

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8),Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.

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

Met

Comment

The Proper diapering procedure was discussed with the Provider on this date.

290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)

Met

Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

Records Reviewed: 3**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2007

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8),Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

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

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

Safety and Discipline

Records Reviewed: 3**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2007

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8),Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

290-2-3-.11 Animals**Met****Comment**

The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit**Met****Comment**

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 3**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2007

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8),Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

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**Not Met**

Finding

290-2-3-.07(8) requires the Home to maintain for the Provider and any Provisional Employee or Employee with direct care responsibilities current evidence of successful completion of a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid which have been offered by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and which dealt with emergency care for infants and children. Such training must be completed prior to initial licensure for the Provider and within 90 days from date of hire for Provisional Employees and Employees. The Provider, a Provisional Employee or Employee with current CPR and first aid training must always be on the Home's premises and on any field trip whenever any Child is present. It was determined based on a review of records that the Providers first aid and CPR certification was expired on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2025

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.07(9) requires that every calendar year, after the first year of employment the Provider, and any Provisional Employees or and Employees, shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department- approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained in the Home by the Provider, as required by these rules. It was determined based on a review of records that the Provider did not complete the ten clock hours of diverse training for the calendar year 2024.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2025

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2007

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8),Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

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

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.