



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/12/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:00 AM **Departure:** 11:25 AM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<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.
08/12/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/07/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/24/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

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

Comments

The findings of this report were reviewed with the Provider on this date. Previous rule violations were observed/discussed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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 MV:

Activities and Equipment

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)

Not Evaluated

Comment

Currently the provider is not caring for infants. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2025

Prior Visits: 09/24/2024, 06/13/2024

Corrected on 8/12/2025

.08(2) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed the Provider to have evidence of current immunization records for all children in care on this date.

Facility

290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant - Safe Environment

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.13(1)(f) requires that fans be positioned or installed so as to be inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that there was a large bladeless fan accessible to children on the left side of the hallway leading to the children's play area. It was further determined that there was a small bladeless fan accessible to children at the front right of the children's play area on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that fans are inaccessible.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2025

290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(c) requires that documentation of drills required by these rules shall be maintained in the Home. The Home shall conduct drills for fire, tornado, and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Home shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that the Home did not have evidence that fire drills were conducted from March of 2025 through July of 2025. Tornado drills and Lockdown drills were not conducted from January of 2025 through July of 2025.

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: 8/15/2025

Prior Visits: 08/23/2022

Recited on 8/12/2025

Finding

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) requires that poisons, medicines, cleaning agents and other hazardous materials be in locked areas or inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following potential hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Children's play area

- There were five packs of baby wipes in the children's cubby area.
- There were two plastic grocery bags in the children's cubby area.
- There was white plastic bag in the children's cubby area.
- There was a bottle of Aquaphor Healing Ointment in the children's cubby area.
- There was a bottle of Equate Healing Ointment in the children's cubby area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the safe storage of hazardous items, the Home Provider will make these items inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2025

Prior Visits: 08/23/2022

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2025

Prior Visits: 08/23/2022

Corrected on 8/12/2025

.11(2)(h) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed the Home to have a fire extinguisher in working order as required on this date.

290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.13(1) requires that the Home be clean and free from hazards. It was determined that there was a 12 inch tear with exposed foam on the leather sofa at the back middle of the children's play area accessible to children on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the cleanliness and safety of the environment, the Home Provider will make hazardous items inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2025

Prior Visits: 02/07/2025

Recited on 8/12/2025

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 potential playground hazards were accessible to children on this date:

- The black liner material was exposed in several areas in the resilient surface, creating a possible tripping hazard.
- The Swing N Slide high back infant swing with rope seatbelt had a crack across the backrest with sharp corners.
- There was an unsecured, green garden hose laying across the mulch under swingset.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will repair any and all identified outdoor hazards and will monitor playground daily or more often as needed to ensure that the Home's outdoor play area is kept clean and free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2025

Prior Visits: 08/23/2022

Recited on 8/12/2025

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2025

Prior Visits: 02/07/2025

Corrected on 8/12/2025

.13(2)(c) - Previous citation corrected in that the Consultant observed that there was six inches of resilient surface in and around the fall zones of the swings on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2025

Prior Visits: 02/07/2025

Corrected on 8/12/2025

.11(1)(d) - Previous citation corrected in that the Provider stated that there were no enrolled children receiving medication while at the Family Home..

Licensure

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

Met

Comment

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date. The Consultant observed the Provider to care for three unrelated children for pay on this date.

Safety and Discipline

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Finding

290-2-3-.11(1)(e) requires the Home and any vehicle used for transportation Children to have a first aid kit which at least contains: scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, thermometer, adhesive tape, band-aids, insect - sting preparation, antiseptic cleaning solution, antibacterial ointment, bandages, disposable rubber gloves, protective eyewear, facemask, and cold pack. The first aid kit, together with a first aid instruction manual which must be kept with the kit at all times, shall be stored in a central location so that it is not accessible to Children but is easily accessible to the Provider and Staff. The Home must also maintain written directions for the use of universal precautions for handling blood and bodily fluids. The directions on the use of universal precautions must be kept with the first aid kit at all times. It was determined based on observation that the first aid kit lacked the following items: thermometer, adhesive tape, insect - sting preparation, antibacterial ointment, disposable rubber gloves, and protective eye wear. It was further determined that the vehicle used for the transportation of children (Tag #CXX6164) did not have a first aid kit as required on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will replace any missing items in the first aid kit, keep the instruction manual and written universal precautions with the kit and will check the kit regularly. The Home will store the kit where children will not have access to it.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2025**Prior Visits: 02/07/2025****Recited on 8/12/2025****290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)****Met****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

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 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**

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.