



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/31/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:20 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

FR-54631

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
03/31/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/11/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/12/2024	Licensing Study	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	5	5	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	1
Total Under 13 Years	6	6	0	0	1
Total Under 18 Years	6				
Children Present: 6 Total Children: 7 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2					
More than 6 for pay 6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notarized no-pay statement					

Comments

Visit summary report was discussed with the Provider on this date. Three staff and 10 children were observed to be present in the home on this date, but were not able to be documented on the report due to technical issues.

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>.

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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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

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 Met

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.19(1)(a)3 - Consultant advised Provider that crib and Pack N Play sheets must be tight fitting.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026

Finding

290-2-3-.19(2) requires that a Family Child Care Learning Home shall provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants and one-year-old children when placed for sleep in a safety approved crib or in any other type of equipment approved for infant sleep. Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back unless the Parent has provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back, but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred positions and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant, however swaddling shall not be used unless the Home has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant such as but not limited to crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation that a child was asleep in a crib with a pacifier clip attached to their clothes.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that safe sleep requirements for infants are followed as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 6

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 7

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.08(1) - Consultant advised Provider to ensure children's enrollment forms are completed in their entirety.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.08(2) - Consultant observed one child with expired immunization record on file. Provider provided documentation from the child's parent showing the child had an appointment the following day to receive updated vaccinations. Consultant advised Provider that all children must either have an up-to-date immunization record or documentation of vaccination exemption on file at all times.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Home observed complete emergency drills

Comment

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

Comment

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.13(1) - Consultant advised Provider that items that could potentially pose a hazard to children such as Staff's personal belongings such as purses and bags as well as wipes, should be inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026

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 garden border throughout the play area as well as grass netting on the hill, was observed to be a tripping hazard. Additionally, it was determined based on observation that there were flower pots observed to have standing water in them. It was also determined that a five inch gap was observed to be present on the fence gate towards the bottom right side of the house, posing an entrapment hazard.

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: 4/2/2026

Finding

290-2-3-.13(2)(c) requires that climbing and swinging equipment that are not portable have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment, which is adequately maintained by the Home to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that there was less than six inches of adequate resilient surfacing under the monkey bars, green slide, swings, and climbing wall where one inch of resilient surfacing was measured.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure that there is an adequate resilient surface under and in the fall zone of climbing and swinging equipment. The Home will inspect equipment and resilient surfacing material regularly and repair or replenish as needed.

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2026

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**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

290-2-3-.11(1)(d) - Consultant observed children's Tylenol in a child's backpack. Consultant advised Provider there must be a current medication authorization form on file before a child can receive medication in the Provider's care. Provider stated the medication is not administered to the child while in the Provider's care.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026

Licensure**290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) requires a person that provides care for more than six children for pay, related or unrelated, as defined in these rules, shall make application to the Department for a license to operate a Child Care Learning Center, except as provided in 290-2-3-.07(15). It was determined based on observation that the Provider was caring for 10 children on this date. Per the Provider's license as well as the Gwinnett County Department of Planning and Development, there are to be no more than six children in the Provider's care at a time.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Family Child Care Learning Home caring for more than six children shall reduce the number of children in care to six.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026

Safety and Discipline**290-2-3-.11 Animals****Met****Comment**

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date.

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

The provider and/or the home's employee were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Criminal Records Check -.21(1)(a), Copy Of Satisfactory Criminal Records Check -.21(1)(c), Health & Safety Certificate .07(7), Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9), Helper Orientation-.07(5)

Staff # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Criminal Records Check -.21(1)(a), Copy Of Satisfactory Criminal Records Check -.21(1)(c), Health & Safety Certificate .07(7), Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9), Helper Orientation-.07(5)

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.21(1)(c) requires every Employee to have a current and valid satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Home while any child is present for care or before residing in the Home if age 17 or older. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #1 and Staff #3 did not have a current and valid comprehensive satisfactory Records Check Determination on file on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Home will ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Home while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Home. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The provider must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Home will ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2026

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

Met

Comment

290-2-3-.07(8)(a) - All staff were observed to have up-to-date First Aid and CPR training on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026

290-2-3-.07 Provider Qualifications

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.07(5) requires that prior to assignment to children or task, the Provider and all Employees (i.e., Volunteers, Students-in-Training, Independent Contractors, etc.) and Provisional Employees must receive initial program orientation. It was determined based on a review of records that three of three Staff did not have proof of receiving initial program orientation.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure that all Staff have completed the required orientation training and will ensure any new Staff hired complete orientation training as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2026

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.07(9)(a) - Consultant advised Provider to ensure all staff have completed Health and Safety Orientation training within the first 90 days of employment.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026

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.