



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/13/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:30 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

FR-000006450

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Same

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.
08/13/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/24/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/30/2024	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	4	4	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	1	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	4	6	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	4				
Children Present: 4 Total Children: 6					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 4 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2					

Comments

The Consultant discussed required reporting requirements and First Aid & CPR updated rules with the Family Provider.

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

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/30/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

N/A

Comment

There is no pool on the property

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/30/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

Finding

290-2-3-.08(13) requires 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. It was determined based on review of records as well as Provider statement that one related child was present without a complete notarized No Compensation Affidavit on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Consultant shared the No Compensation Form from the agency website and the provider will complete as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/18/2025**Prior Visits: 04/30/2024****Recited on 8/13/2025**

	Facility
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Records Reviewed: 4**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/30/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

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 review of records that there were no evidence of tornado drills and lock down drills on file for 2025. Additionally there was no evidence of fire drills conducted since February, 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: 8/18/2025**Prior Visits: 02/24/2025****Recited on 8/13/2025****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)**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 observations that there were holes at the top and bottom of the yellow slide on the outdoor play area.

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: 9/1/2025**Prior Visits: 02/24/2025****Recited on 8/13/2025****Correction Deadline: 3/6/2025****Prior Visits: 02/24/2025**

Corrected on 8/13/2025

.13(2)(c) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. There was 6 inches of mulch measured under the yellow slide and swings on this date as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/18/2025

Prior Visits: 04/30/2024

Corrected on 8/13/2025

.13(2)(d) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. There were no gaps observed on the fence that posed as an entrapment hazard on this date.

Health and Hygiene

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/30/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

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)

N/A

Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/30/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

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: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/30/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

290-2-3-.11 Animals**N/A****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.

Comment

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

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)**N/A****Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 4****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/30/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

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

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Provider stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.07(8)(a) - Discussed that effective July 1, 2025, new staff are required to obtain pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training within 45 days of employment. It was further discussed that Homes must have at least one person with current pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training present during field trips, transportation of children, and on the Home's premises whenever any Child is present.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2025**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**Met****Correction Deadline: 12/31/2025****Corrected on 8/13/2025**

.07(9) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. There was evidence of Annual Training for 2025 on file as required.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/30/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

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**

The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children.