



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/14/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:05 AM **Departure:** 12:45 PM

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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.
07/14/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/06/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/08/2023	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	1	0	0	1	0
3 & 4 Years	2	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	5	4	0	2	0
Total Under 13 Years	8	6	0	3	0
Total Under 18 Years	8				
Children Present: 8 Total Children: 9					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 0					

Comments

Visit completed

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 LS:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 1

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

"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.

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

Met

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

There is no pool on the property

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 1

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2024

Prior Visits: 08/06/2024

Corrected on 7/14/2025

.08(1) The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that the child's physician was documented in all records reviewed.

Comment

Immunization requirements were discussed with the Provider.

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

Staff # 1

Not Met

"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)(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 a can of Lysol Spray was stored on a table and accessible to children.

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: 7/14/2025**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 observation that there was stagnant water in the play tent and two cans of repellent stored on a table that were accessible to children. It was further determined that there were broken tree limbs near the back fence that were accessible to children.

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: 7/24/2025**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 the resilient surface beneath the swings and the fall zones measured less than three inches. Six inches of resilient surface was required.

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: 7/24/2025

Health and Hygiene

Records Reviewed: 1

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

"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

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

Records Reviewed: 1

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

"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: 1

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit

Met

Comment

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

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

N/A

Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

Staff # 1 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

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

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2024

Prior Visits: 08/06/2024

Corrected on 7/14/2025

.21(1)(m)3. - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination was on file for all Staff.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.07(8)(a) - Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2025

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

Staff # 1 Not Met

"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.