



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/22/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:35 PM **Departure:** 1:10 PM

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Quality Rated: No

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.
07/22/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/23/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/05/2024	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	0	0	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	4	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	0	4	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	0				
Children Present: 0 Total Children: 4					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

Comments

Citations were left with the Provider during this visit.

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 user id 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.

Facility

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 observation that the drill document the Provider was using was missing the fire extinguisher check and the emergency plans procedures.

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: 8/21/2025

Prior Visits: 01/23/2025, 07/20/2023

Comment

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

Comment

Operable smoke detectors were observed as required in the home on this date.

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)**Met****Comment**

The outside area appeared clean and well maintained.

Health and Hygiene**290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

There were no children present on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff were discussed with the Provider on this date.

290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Currently there are no diapered children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed.

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

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

Policies and Procedures**290-2-3-.14 Required Reporting****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.14(1) requires the Home to report or cause to be reported to the Department within twenty-four (24) hours or the next work day: any death of a Child while in the care of the Home; any serious illness or injury requiring hospitalization or professional medical attention other than first aid of a Child while in the care of the Home; any situation when a Child in care becomes missing, such as but not limited to, a Child who is left on a vehicle, a Child who leaves the Home, playground, or property, or a Child who is left behind on any trip; any fire; any structural disaster; any emergency situation that requires temporarily relocating children; and any time the Home's operating status changes (i.e., open to closed or temporarily closed and temporarily closed to open). It was determined based on a review of records that the provider did not submit a Required Report for temporary closure during the week of July 14, 2025, through July 18, 2025, as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure a timely report is made to the Department as the licensing rules require.

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2025

Safety and Discipline**290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records**Comment**

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**Comment**

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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