**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**
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**Date:** 4/30/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:40 AM **Departure:** 11:45 AM

**FR-000002867**
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Quality Rated: ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
|---|---|---|
| 04/30/2025 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |
| 01/19/2024 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |
| 09/08/2023 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |

**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.

**Ratio Capacity**

| Age Ranges | Children Present | Child For Pay | CAPS | Not for Pay | Provider Children |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Infant (0-11 mos)** | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **1 & 2 Years** | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **3 & 4 Years** | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| **School Age(5+) Years** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total Under 13 Years** | 5 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| **Total Under 18 Years** | 5 | | | | |

Children Present: 5
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1
Total Children: 7
Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

**Comments**
The report was reviewed and emailed to the provider.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.

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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.

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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:**

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

**Contact the Quality Rated help desk a1 855-800-7747 or** qualityrated@decal.ga.gov **for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!**

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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.

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

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

**Comment**
Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

**Comment**
There is no pool on the property

## Children's Records

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

**Comment**
Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**
Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

## Facility

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

**Comment**
Home observed complete emergency drills

**Comment**
Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**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)** **Met**

**Comment**
The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

**290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**
Trees located on the site or that encroach onto the site from adjacent properties may have structural issues that present an elevated level of risk. Consider having these trees inspected by a certified arborist to determine their structural integrity and associated levels of risk.

**Comment**
There is no pool on the property

## Food Service

**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition** **Met**

**Comment**
CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk 5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk 2 of 5 Components for snack Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers. The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website: DECAL http://decal.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx USDA http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks

## Health and Hygiene

**290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**
Staff state proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

**290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**
Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

**Comment**
Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

## 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 one provider and five children on this date.

## Safety and Discipline

**290-2-3-.11 Animals** **Met**

**Comment**
Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

**Comment**
Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date.

**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**
Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home

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

**Comment**
The provider does not provide routine transportation.

## 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 First Aid & CPR** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 1/31/2024**

**Corrected on 4/30/2025**
**.07(8) - The citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed the provider's current CPR and First Aid Certificate.**

**290-2-3-.07 Independent Contractors(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**
The facility does not currently have any independent contractors employed.

**290-2-3-.07 Other Staff Direct Contact with Children(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**
The facility does not currently have any additional staff employed.

**290-2-3-.07 Provisional Employees** **Met**

**Comment**
Observed compliance with the local zoning authorities, fire safety agencies and local building authorities on this date.

**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**

**Comment**
Annual training requirement and documentation observed.

**290-2-3-.07 Students-in-Training(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**
The facility does not currently have any students-in-training employed.

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