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Date: 3/18/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:35 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
03/18/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing
12/23/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
01/23/2024	Licensing Study	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	3	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	5	5	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	5				

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

Comments
In-person training opportunities were discussed during the 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 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:

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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2003

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

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) **Met**

Comment
Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

Date of Hire: 11/01/2003

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

Records Reviewed: 5 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Child # 1 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 4 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records **Not Met**

Correction Deadline: 4/18/2025

Corrected on 3/18/2025
.08(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The consultant observed that all Children's Records included all identifying information as required on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2025

Corrected on 3/18/2025
.08(11) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant reviewed signed forms within all children's records of parental notification of the absence of a liability insurance policy as required on this date.

Finding
290-2-3-.08(2) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations; enrollment in the Home may not continue for more than 30 days without such evidence. It was determined based on a review of records that Child #1 and Child #4 did not have updated immunization records on file as required on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child.

Correction Deadline: 4/18/2025

Facility

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

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2003

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant - Safe Environment **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
290-2-3-.13(1)(f) requires that fans be positioned or installed so as to be inaccessible to children. The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure that fans are positioned to be out of reach or protected by a barrier to be inaccessible to children as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2025

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

Technical Assistance
290-2-3-.11(2)(f) requires that poisons, medicines, cleaning agents and other hazardous materials be in locked areas or inaccessible to children. The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure that baby wipe packages are stored to be inaccessible to children as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2025

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) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
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. The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure that the outdoor play area is kept clean by regular removal of fallen leaves and pine cones to avoid potential slipping hazards and tripping hazards as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/28/2025

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2003

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

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
The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

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

Date of Hire: 11/01/2003

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

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 five unrelated children for pay on this date.

Safety and Discipline

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

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2003

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

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) **N/A**

Comment
The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

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

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2003

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

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 Staff Qualifications(CR) **Met**

Comment
Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training **Not Met**

Finding
290-2-3-.07(9) requires that every calendar year, after the first year of employment the Provider, and any Provisional Employees or and Employees, shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department- approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained in the Home by the Provider, as required by these rules. It was determined based on a review of records that the Provider did not complete the annual (10) clock hours of training for the 2024 calendar year as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home will obtain the required annual training for Staff and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file. The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2025

Recited on 3/18/2025

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2003

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

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.