



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 5/18/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

**FR-62669**

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**Quality Rated:** No

| Compliance Zone Designation |                  |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 05/18/2026                  | Licensing Study  | Support       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11/13/2025                  | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 04/28/2025                  | 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                                                                                                 | 8                | 8             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 3 & 4 Years                                                                                                 | 2                | 2             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| School Age(5+) Years                                                                                        | 2                | 7             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| Total Under 13 Years                                                                                        | 12               | 17            | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| Total Under 18 Years                                                                                        | 12               |               |      |             |                   |
| Children Present: 12 Total Children: 18<br>Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 3        |                  |               |      |             |                   |
| <b>More than 6 for pay</b><br>6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notarized no-pay statement |                  |               |      |             |                   |

**Comments**

Visit report could not be sent to the Provider on this date due to myKoala tech issues; Consultant will conduct an additional Exit Conference via telephone with the Provider.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 06/02/2026



For additional information regarding any licensing topics discussed during this visit, please consult the Rules and Regulations Indicator Manual. This manual provides comprehensive clarification of each rule, including evaluation indicators, related best practices, and relevant considerations to support your program's continued and sustained compliance.

To access the Indicator Manual, please scan the QR code below or visit our website at <https://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.

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](http://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:

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](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment**

**290-2-3-.09 Activities**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.09(5) requires that children less than three (3) years of age shall not spend more than one-half (1/2) hour of time consecutively in confining equipment, such as swings, highchairs, jumpseats, carriers or walkers. Children shall use such equipment only when they are awake. Such children shall be allowed time to play on the floor daily. It was determined based on observation a one-year-old child was seated in a high chair consecutively for approximately 40 minutes.

**Correction Deadline: 5/18/2026**

**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**

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.

**Children's Records**

**Records Reviewed: 18**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 6**

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 5 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 8 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 14 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Release Person Information - (.08)(10),Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1)

Child # 15 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Release Person Information - (.08)(10),Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 16 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Release Person Information - (.08)(10)

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.08(1) requires the Home to have a current and updated record for each Child in care and for a period of one (1) year after each Child leaves. Such records shall include: identifying information (Child's name, birth date, Parent's name, home and business addresses, telephone numbers); name, address and telephone number of persons, including Child's physician, to contact in emergencies; and name, address, telephone numbers, relationship to Child and to Parent(s) and other identifying information of person(s) to whom the Child may be released. It was determined based on a review of records two out of 18 files were missing the child's physician information. It was further determined three out of 18 files did not have Authorized release information on file.

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Correction Deadline: 5/18/2026

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 a review of records that ten out of ten children for whom no pay is received did not have a notarized No Compensation form on file as required.

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**Correction Deadline: 6/2/2026**

**Recited on 5/18/2026**

**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 six out of 18 children did not have evidence of current immunizations on file.

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**Correction Deadline: 5/18/2026**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.08(9) requires that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent or guardian to drop off and pick up the Child document each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the Child. The documentation shall include at least the following information: the date , the Child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person and shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. It was determined based on a review of records there was no evidence of children's arrivals and departures documented.

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**Correction Deadline: 5/18/2026**

| Facility                                          |         |
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| 290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) | Not Met |

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(a) requires the Home to have a written plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to fire, severe weather, loss of electrical power or water, and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Home. The Home will have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, continuity of operations, accommodation of infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions. No Home personnel shall impede in any way the delivery of emergency care or services to a child by licensed or certified emergency health care professionals. It was determined based on a review of records there was no written Emergency Preparedness Plan available.

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**Correction Deadline: 5/28/2026**

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**Correction Deadline: 11/27/2025**

**Corrected on 5/18/2026**

**.11(2)(c) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There was evidence of emergency drills conducted.**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.  
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**290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

The Home appeared clean and free from hazards.  
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**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 the following hazards were accessible in the play area:

- A gas meter accessible on the playground.
  - Widespread exposed tree roots accessible on the route to the playground
  - a black water hose on the left of the stairway leading from the back door
  - AC unit accessible
  - gardening tools including 3 shovels, a green and black lawn mower, and rake accessible to the children
  - PVC pipes near back stairway
  - stacked single bricks
  - excessive leaves and pine cones throughout the playground
  - sitting water
  - brown headboard located behind the AC unit with protruding nails
  - pile of excessive rubble
  - exposed foam on seesaw structures with ripped foil
  - hanging wires near right corner of playground
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**Correction Deadline: 6/1/2026**

**Recited on 5/18/2026**

**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 there was no resilient surfacing beneath the green slide, the rock climbing wall, and the monkey bar of the large play structure where at least 6 inches were required. Additionally, there was no resilient surfacing beneath the green climber and slide of the smaller play structure where at least 3 inches were required.

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**Correction Deadline: 6/1/2026**

**Recited on 5/18/2026**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) requires that outside play areas be protected from traffic or other hazards by fencing or other barriers at least four feet in height and approved by the Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children. A fence shall be provided around swimming pools to make them inaccessible when not in use. It was determined based on observation that six wooden planks were broken or missing from the gate at the front right of the playground leaving gaps ranging from seven to nine inches in the gate. It was further observed that rusted nails were protruding from the wooden planks. Children were not present on the playground on this date.

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**Recited on 5/18/2026**

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| <b>Health and Hygiene</b> |
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**290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(j) requires children's hands to be washed with liquid soap and warm running water: immediately upon arrival for the day and re-entering the child care area after outside play; before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, and playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, contact with bodily fluids such as, but not limited to, mucus, saliva, vomit or blood, and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation children's hands were not washed before or after meals and snacks.

Correction Deadline: 5/18/2026

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

**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)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) requires a person that provides care for more than six children for pay, related or unrelated, as defined in these rules, shall make application to the Department for a license to operate a Child Care Learning Center, except as provided in 290-2-3-.07(15). It was determined based on an observation and review of records the Provider was caring for 10 children on this date and had a total of 18 children enrolled.

Correction Deadline: 6/1/2026

Recited on 5/18/2026

**Safety and Discipline**

**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**

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

**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**

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

**Not Met**



**Corrected on 5/18/2026**

**.07(17) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Adequate supervision was observed.**