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Date: 1/23/2026 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:50 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
01/23/2026	POI Follow Up	Good Standing
12/10/2025	Monitoring Visit	Support
06/04/2025	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	6	5	0	2	0
3 & 4 Years	0	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	2	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	7	9	0	2	0
Total Under 18 Years	7				

Children Present: 7
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3
Total Children: 11
Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments
The Consultant conducted the exit conference with the Provider on this date.

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.

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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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2025

Corrected on 1/23/2026
.19(1)(a)3 - The previous citaton was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the cribs used for infant sleep all had tight-fitting sheets.

Children's Records

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

Correction Deadline: 12/10/2025

Corrected on 1/23/2026
.08(13) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. A review of records showed that Child #4 and Child #6, had a completed notarized statement from the Parent(s) attesting to their non-pay status as required.

Correction Deadline: 12/11/2025

Corrected on 1/23/2026
.08(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. A review of records showed the Provider maintained a file for each child enrolled that had evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations as required.

Licensure

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

Correction Deadline: 12/10/2025

Corrected on 1/23/2026
.04(1)(d) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. A review of records showed that the Provider only cared for five children for pay on this date.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 12/20/2025

Corrected on 1/23/2026
.07(16) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. A review of records showed that the Provider had five unrelated children and two related child present for care on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/10/2025

Corrected on 1/23/2026
.07(19) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed there was an employee present with the Provider to assist with supervision of the seven children under the age of three years on this date.