



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/10/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 1:50 PM **Departure:** 2:50 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.
02/10/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/12/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/16/2024	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	0	0	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	0				
Children Present: 0 Total Children: 0					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

Comments

An in person Licensing Study was conducted on this day. The provider stated there are currently no children enrolled.

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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.09 Activities

Met

Comment

Currently the provider has no children enrolled. Discussed with the provider to obtain toys and age appropriate learning activities for children prior to re-enrollment.

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2025

290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Met

Comment

Currently the provider has no children enrolled. Discussed that toys and equipment should be clean and in good repair when re-enrolling children.

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2025

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

Met

Comment

Currently the provider has no children enrolled. Discussed that the provider should review safe sleep policy prior to re-enrolling children.

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2025

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

There is no pool on the property

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Currently the provider has no children enrolled. Consultant discussed provider should review child enrollment policy before re-enrollment.

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

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

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date. Discussed with provider to review physical plant hazard policy prior to re-enrollment.

290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed with provider policy of keeping home clean, free of hazards prior to re-enrolling children.

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

Home does not provide swimming activities.

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://dec.al.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**

Currently no children are enrolled. Discussed with provider to review health and hygiene policy prior to re-enrollment of children.

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

No children are currently enrolled. Discussed with provider to review diapering policy prior to re-enrollment.

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

Currently no children are enrolled. Discussed with provider to review medication policy prior to re-enrollment.

Licensure

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

No children are currently enrolled. Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

Safety and Discipline

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

The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises.

290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date) Discussed with provider to review discipline policy prior to re-enrollment.

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**

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

Comment

The provider stated no transportation is provided.

Staff Records

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

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

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed staff qualifications and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Annual training requirement and documentation observed.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

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

Comment

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

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