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Date: 7/20/2026

VisitType: POI Follow Up

Arrival: 11:15 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

FR-000014466

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Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
07/20/2026	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
06/02/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/17/2025	Monitoring Visit	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: 2					

Data retrieval failed for the subreport, 'RatioCapacity', located at: Koala.Reports.Visits.RDLC.RatioCapacity.rdlc.

Comments

The visit report was reviewed with the Provider on this date.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed



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.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.



For additional information regarding the full compliance inspection results of this program or any licensed program in the state, access the Child Care Services Compliance-at-a Glance website by scanning this QR code or visiting: <https://families.dec.al.ga.gov>.

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.dec.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/2/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026

.12(5) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The trampoline, frame, and rusted springs had been removed from the playground as required.

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026

.08(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Coordinator reviewed records and Child #1 had an updated immunization record on file as required.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/30/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026

.11(2)(c) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Coordinator reviewed records and an emergency drill for tornadoes or other emergency situations had been conducted on July 7, 2026.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/2/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026

.13(2)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The PVC pipe had been connected on all sides, the weed mat had been removed, the garden tools and garden hose had been removed from the playground, and there were no active ant beds or thorny vines observed on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 7/2/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026

.13(2)(c) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The resilient surfacing beneath and in the fall zones measured 6 inches as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/2/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026

.13(2)(d) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The fence was new and in good repair as required.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2026

Corrected on 7/20/2026

.11(1)(n) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The animal was no longer present at the Home.

Staff Records

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

Defer

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290-2-3-.07(9)(a)- Evaluation of the previous citation was deferred on this date to the next regulatory visit.

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 or within the Georgia Professional Development System (GaPDS). The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2026

Defer

290-2-3-.07(9)(b)1- Evaluation of the previous citation was deferred on this date to the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year to include a least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2026