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Date: 2/20/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 2:20 PM **Departure:** 5:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

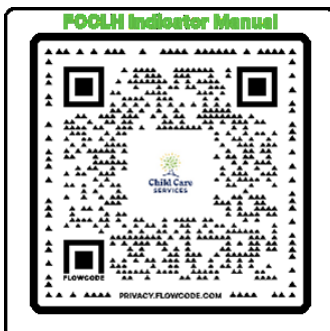
<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient. Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable 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.
02/20/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/04/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/03/2025	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	2	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	2	2	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	2				
Children Present: 2 Total Children: 2					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

Comments

The consultant discussed the visit report with the Provider, Flor Acosta on February 20, 2026.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date



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>.

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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions.

Se observa que los juguetes y equipos están limpios y a salvo de condiciones peligrosas.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

Se observará que los equipos y muebles se encuentren debidamente asegurados, según corresponda.

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Se observa un ambiente agradable para la siesta.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2025

Corrected on 2/20/2026

.19(1)(a)3 - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed that there were no children sleeping in cribs on this date.

La citación anterior se observó corregida en esta fecha. El consultor observó que no había niños durmiendo en cunas en esta fecha.

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

Not Evaluated

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2025

Corrected on 2/20/2026

.08(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the center to have an enrollment form for each child.

La citación anterior se corrigió en esta fecha. El consultor observó que el centro contaba con un formulario de inscripción para cada niño.

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 review of records that two of two enrolled children had immunization forms that had been expired for more than 30 days.

290-2-3-.08(2) exige que el Hogar mantenga un expediente para cada niño que incluya constancia de las vacunas correspondientes a su edad o una declaración jurada firmada que acredite dichas vacunas; la inscripción en el Hogar no podrá continuar por más de 30 días sin dicha constancia. Tras la revisión de los registros, se determinó que dos de los dos niños inscritos tenían formularios de vacunación vencidos hacía más de 30 días.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that a current immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled child.

El proveedor de hogar se asegurará de que exista un registro de vacunación actualizado/declaración jurada firmada para cada niño inscrito.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2026

Recited on 2/20/2026

290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2025

Corrected on 2/20/2026

.08(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the center to have the proper authorizations.

La citación anterior se corrigió en esta fecha. El consultor observó que el centro contaba con las autorizaciones correspondientes.

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.11(2)(c) requires that documentation of drills required by these rules shall be maintained in the Home. The Home shall conduct drills for fire, tornado, and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Home shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on review of records that the center did not have documentation of emergency drills conducted between September 2025 and December 2025.

290-2-3-.11(2)(c) exige que la documentación de los simulacros requeridos por estas normas se conserve en el Hogar. El Hogar realizará simulacros de incendio, tornado y otras situaciones de emergencia. Los simulacros de incendio se realizarán mensualmente y los de tornado y otras situaciones de emergencia, cada seis meses. El Hogar conservará la documentación de las fechas y horas de estos simulacros durante dos años. Tras la revisión de los registros, se determinó que el centro no contaba con documentación de los simulacros de emergencia realizados entre septiembre y diciembre de 2025.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will store emergency drill records in their binder and keep the documentation on file for two years.

El proveedor almacenará los registros de simulacros de emergencia en su carpeta y mantendrá la documentación archivada durante dos años.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2026

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

No se observaron peligros accesibles para los niños en esta fecha.

Comment

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

En esta fecha se observó en la casa un extintor de incendios en funcionamiento y de tamaño apropiado.

Comment

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home this date.

Se observaron detectores de humo en funcionamiento según lo requerido en el hogar en esta fecha.

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

The Home appeared clean and free from hazards.

La casa parecía limpia y libre de peligros.

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

Trees located on the site or that encroach onto the site from adjacent properties may have structural issues that present an elevated level of risk. Consider having these trees inspected by a certified arborist to determine their structural integrity and associated levels of risk.

Los árboles ubicados en el terreno o que invaden el terreno desde propiedades adyacentes pueden presentar problemas estructurales que representan un alto nivel de riesgo. Considere la posibilidad de que un arbolista certificado inspeccione estos árboles para determinar su integridad estructural y los niveles de riesgo asociados.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - The consultant discussed with the provider to install a step on the inside of the playground gate.

El consultor discutió con el proveedor la instalación de un escalón en el interior de la puerta del patio de juegos.

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2026

Comment

The outside area appeared clean and well maintained.

El área exterior parecía limpia y bien mantenida.

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://decal.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**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.

Se observa el lavado adecuado de manos en toda la casa.

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

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

El proveedor indicó los procedimientos adecuados para el cambio de pañales.

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

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed.

Según el proveedor, actualmente no se dispensa ningún medicamento.

Licensure

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

The consultant observed the provider to care for one unrelated child for pay and one related child not for pay on this date.

El consultor observó que el proveedor cuidaba a un niño no emparentado a cambio de una remuneración y a un niño emparentado sin remuneración en esta fecha.

Safety and Discipline

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

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

Animales mantenidos limpios y enjaulados adecuadamente.

Comment

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date.

En esta fecha se disponía de los registros de vacunación correspondientes.

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

The provider was observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

Se observó que el proveedor mantenía un ambiente de aprendizaje positivo en esta fecha.

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit**Met****Comment**

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home

Se observa un botiquín de primeros auxilios completo en el hogar de aprendizaje y cuidado infantil familiar.

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

El proveedor no proporciona transporte de rutina.

Staff Records

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 September 9, 2025.

El consultor solicitó ver todas las verificaciones de antecedentes penales de los empleados contratados después de la última visita. El proveedor indicó que no ha habido nuevas contrataciones desde la última visita el 9 de septiembre de 2025.

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

Se observó que las verificaciones de antecedentes penales estaban completas.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR(CR)

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.07(8)(b) requires the Provider, a Provisional Employee or Employee with current evidence of successful completion of pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid must always be on the Home's premises whenever any Child is present. It was determined based on review of records that the provider's CPR and First Aid certification had expired.

290-2-3-.07(8)(b) exige que el Proveedor, un Empleado Provisional o un Empleado con comprobante vigente de haber completado con éxito la reanimación cardiopulmonar (RCP) pediátrica y los primeros auxilios pediátricos siempre estén presentes en las instalaciones del Hogar cuando haya un Niño presente. Tras la revisión de los registros, se determinó que la certificación del proveedor en RCP y primeros auxilios estaba vencida.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will ensure at least one currently pediatric CPR and First Aid trained Staff person is present on the Home's premises when children are present.

El proveedor se asegurará de que al menos un miembro del personal capacitado actualmente en RCP pediátrica y primeros auxilios esté presente en las instalaciones del hogar cuando haya niños presentes.

Correction Deadline: 2/20/2026

290-2-3-.07 Provider Qualifications

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.07(2) - Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that her CDA certification is renewed.

La consultora discutió con el proveedor para asegurarse de que se renueve su certificación CDA.

Correction Deadline: 2/20/2026

290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Se observó que el personal cumple con las leyes y regulaciones aplicables.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.07(9)(b)1 requires the annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall include at least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices. It was determined based on review of record that the provider had completed 6-hours of training in 2025. Ten hours of training was required.

290-2-3-.07(9)(b)1 exige que las diez (10) horas de capacitación anuales incluyan al menos dos (2) horas de prácticas de lenguaje y lectoescritura basadas en evidencia y apropiadas para el desarrollo. Tras la revisión del expediente, se determinó que el proveedor había completado seis horas de capacitación en 2025. Se requerían diez horas de capacitación.

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.

El proveedor planificará y programará las 10 horas de capacitación anual requeridas cada año para incluir al menos dos (2) horas en prácticas de alfabetización y lenguaje basadas en evidencia y apropiadas para el desarrollo, y hará un seguimiento para garantizar que se complete la capacitación.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2026

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

En esta fecha se observaron proporciones apropiadas.

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Se observó una supervisión adecuada en esta fecha.