



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/6/2025 **VisitType:** ILS Follow Up

Arrival: 11:00 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

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Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>		
08/06/2025	ILS Follow Up	Good Standing
05/19/2025	Initial Licensing Study	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)	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: 0 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 0					

Comments

The child care program received a final license on this date. The provider does carry liability insurance.

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 user id 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 ILS/Follow-Up:

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.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with provider during this visit. Consultant observed two cribs that met current CPSC and ASTM requirements.

Finding

290-2-3-.19(1)(a)2 requires that a mattress shall be provided for each crib and other equipment approved for infant sleep and shall be firm, tight-fitting, at least two inches (2") thick and covered with waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that one of two crib mattresses had a porous surface.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will remove mattresses that do not meet requirements and ensure that infant sleep mattresses are firm, tight-fitting, at least 2 inches thick, covered with waterproof, washable material and cleaned with a disinfectant before a change in occupant.

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2025

Prior Visits: 05/19/2025

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

Children's Records

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.08(8) - Consultant discussed updating the Home's policies and procedures to include the program's practices regarding the expulsion and suspension of children enrolled for care within the description of behavior management and discipline actions used by the Home. Provider discussed to ensure a description of the practices followed by the Home to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma in children up to five years of age that includes the following information: how to recognize, respond to, and report the signs and symptoms of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma; strategies to assist staff members in understanding how to care for infants and how to cope with a crying, fussing, or distraught child; strategies to ensure staff members understand the brain development of children up to five years of age; and a list of prohibited behaviors when dealing with children. Additional information can be found in the FCCLH Indicator Manual found on DECAL's website at: <https://www.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx> or through the Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome found at: <https://dontshake.org/>.

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2025

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

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

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

Comment

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

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

Comment

The Home appeared clean and free from hazards.

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

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2025

Prior Visits: 05/19/2025

Corrected on 8/6/2025

.13(2)(a) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. There were no holes or gaps on the perimeter fence on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2025

Prior Visits: 05/19/2025

Corrected on 8/6/2025

.13(2)(d) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. There were no exposed fence on perimeter playground fence on this date.

	Health and Hygiene
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290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR) **Met**

Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff were discussed with the provider on this date.

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

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures. No children present on this date.

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

Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

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

Met

Comment

Permission to Operate will be issued upon completion of the Exit Conference and signature pages are submitted to the Consultant. The overall licensed capacity is six (6) children at any given time.

Safety and Discipline**290-2-3-.11 Animals**

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2025

Prior Visits: 05/19/2025

Corrected on 8/6/2025

.11(1)(n) - Citation corrected on this date. The provider re-homed the German Sheppard and it is no longer present on the property. The provider provided immunization documentation for the Yorkie and the immunizations are up to date. The Yorkie was not accessible to the child care areas. No children present at the time of this visit.

290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Consultant discussed appropriate discipline and guidance techniques with the provider.

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)

N/A

Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the provider decides to incorporate transportation. The provider will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hour transportation training prior to transporting children.

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

Met

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. Three records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file for the provider, helpers, and all residents living in the home seventeen (17) years and older.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.07(8)(a) - Discussed that effective July 1, 2025, new staff are required to obtain pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training within 45 days of employment. It was further discussed that Homes must have at least one person with current pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training present during field trips, transportation of children, and on the Home's premises whenever any Child is present.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2025

290-2-3-.07 Provider Qualifications

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.07(5) - Consultant discussed that all Employees, including volunteers, independent contractors, students-in-training, etc. should have a completed initial program orientation form on file

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2025

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.07(9)(b)1 - Provider discussed that effective July 1, 2025, all staff are required to obtain at least two hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and at least two hours in on-going child development and health and safety related topics as part of their 10 hours of annual training.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2025

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Currently there are no children present in the program. Consultant discussed ratios with the Provider on this date

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

Currently there are no children present in the program. Consultant discussed direct supervision with the Provider on this date.