



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/31/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

FR-14227

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

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.
07/31/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/04/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/12/2024	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	2	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	5	8	0	2	0
School Age(5+) Years	3	2	0	2	0
Total Under 13 Years	10	12	0	4	0
Total Under 18 Years	10				
Children Present: 10 Total Children: 16					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 5 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 4					

Comments

All Core and Non- Core Rules were evaluated and reviewed with Provider on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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 LS:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/07/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90
calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

Staff # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Health & Safety Certificate .07(7)

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 1

Not Met

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

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed 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)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) - The Consultant and the Provider discussed ensuring the fencing material shall not present a hazard to children on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2025**Prior Visits: 05/18/2022****Health and Hygiene****Records Reviewed: 5****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/07/2025

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Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

Staff # 5

Not Met

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

Records Reviewed: 5**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/07/2025

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Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

Staff # 5

Not Met

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

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home. The Consultant observed the Provider to care for five for unrelated children for pay and five related children not for pay on this date.

Safety and Discipline**Records Reviewed: 5****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/07/2025

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Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

Staff # 5

Not Met

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290-2-3-.11 Animals**N/A****Comment**

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

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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)**N/A****Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 5****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Records Reviewed: 5**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Date of Hire: 07/07/2025

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Staff # 5

Not Met

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.07(7)(a)-(j) requires that the Provider, Employees and Provisional Employees with direct care responsibilities shall complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: (a) prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); (b) prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; (c) administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; (d) prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; (e) building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; (f) prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; (g) emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); (h) handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; (i) precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and (j) child development to include all major domains: cognitive; social and emotional; physical development and motor skills; communication, language, and literacy; and approaches to play and learning. It was determined based on review of records staff # 5 (Hired on 8/1/2024) did not have evidence of Health and Safety training on file as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will complete the required training and will ensure any Employees or Provisional Employees complete the training. The Provider will develop a plan to ensure that any new Staff hired complete the training as required.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2025**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 records that staff # 1 (Hired on 10/15/2015) did not have evidence of the annual 10 clock hours of training as required for the 2024 calendar year.

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: 12/31/2025**290-2-3-.07 Students-in-Training(CR)****Met****Comment**

The facility does not currently have any students-in-training employed.

290-2-3-.07 Volunteers(CR)**Met**

Comment

The facility does not currently have any volunteers employed.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**Records Reviewed: 5****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/07/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

Staff # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Health & Safety Certificate .07(7)

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

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.