



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/5/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:00 AM **Departure:** 11:15 AM

FR-32544

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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.
11/05/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/23/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/26/2025	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					

Comments

The CCS Consultant discussed and left a copy of the updated Child Care Weather Watch Chart with the program today. Weather does not permit outdoor play when there is active precipitation or when weather advisories are in effect. Consult the Child Care Weather Watch Chart resource for further guidance, considering specific weather conditions. There were no children present and enrolled on this date.

Opened on 11/13/25 on accident. No changes made

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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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.09 Activities

Defer

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290-2-3-.09(8)- Evaluation of the previous citation was deferred on this date to the next regulatory visit. There were no children present or enrolled at this time.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will not allow activities that could be detrimental to children and will review the requirements with staff to ensure that the activities in the Home are appropriate.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2025

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)

Not Evaluated

Comment

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

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2025

Corrected on 11/5/2025

.08(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Children's records were complete and emergency contact information was provided.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2025

Corrected on 11/5/2025

.08(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Children's records were complete and immunization records were up to date.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2025

Corrected on 11/5/2025

.13(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The exposed drywall was made inaccessible to children by placing a book case in front of the damaged area.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2025

Corrected on 11/5/2025

.13(2)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The water hose had been removed and there was no exposed landscaping fabric on the playground.

Finding

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) requires that outside play areas be protected from traffic or other hazards by fencing or other barriers at least four feet in height and approved by the Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children. A fence shall be provided around swimming pools to make them inaccessible when not in use. It was determined based on observation and measurements taken that the playground fence measured 3 feet 2 inches in height where 4 feet were required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider stated that she will install fence extenders around the perimeter of the property. Due to an illness in the family, no children being currently enrolled, and expected six month closure, a revision date of April 6, 2026 was given.

Correction Deadline: 4/6/2026

Recited on 11/5/2025

Health and Hygiene

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)

Not Evaluated

Comment

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

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

N/A

Comment

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

Licensure

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

Met

Comment

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

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

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

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.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

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

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

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