



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/20/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:50 AM **Departure:** 1:40 PM

FR-24147

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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.
04/20/2026	Monitoring Visit	Support	
08/14/2025	Licensing Study	Support	
09/04/2024	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	1	1	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	1	1	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	1	1	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	3	3	1	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	3				
Children Present: 3 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 5					
Total Children: 3 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2					

Comments

On this date, Jessica Johnson (JJ), Consultant, reviewed the visit report with Provider Kinzie Thomas.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 05/04/2026



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.decal.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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.09 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2025

Corrected on 4/20/2026

.09(8) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as no children were observed climbing into cribs.

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

Per the Provider no infants were currently enrolled. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

Comment

The Consultant observed a crib on-site. The crib was no currently in use.

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

Met

Comment

The Consultant observed a small kiddie pool on-site. Per the Provider the pool is not used for children in care.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2025

Corrected on 4/20/2026

.08(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as Child # 2 was not enrolled in the program.

Facility

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(2)(a) - Please ensure filling in the blank spaces on the emergency preparedness plan.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026

Comment

Home observed complete emergency drills

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)**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) requires that outdoor play areas be kept clean and free of hazards such as exposed sharp corners of concrete or equipment, rust and splinters on equipment, broken glass, open drainage ditches, holes and stagnant water. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were accessible to children on the children's outdoor play area:

- A kiddie pool was observed with 4 and one half inches of water posing as a potential drowning hazard.
- Three cars were observed parked on the left side of the outdoor play area.
- Gum balls were observed throughout the outdoor play area.
- The air conditioner unit was observed not to be surrounded by a four foot fence as required on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/4/2026

Recited on 4/20/2026

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 that the gate on the left side was observed open on this date. Children were observed present during the visit.

Correction Deadline: 5/4/2026

Recited on 4/20/2026

Food Service**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Correction Deadline: 8/21/2025****Corrected on 4/20/2026****.10(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as Child #3 no longer needed a infant feeding form.****Health and Hygiene****290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

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.

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

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

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

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2025**Corrected on 4/20/2026****.11(3)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Per the Provider, redirection is used to discipline.****290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)****Met****Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2025**Corrected on 4/20/2026****.11(2)(m) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. Per the Provider, no routine transportation is provided.****Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 4****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2002

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/01/2008

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

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 First Aid & CPR(CR)

Not Met

Finding

Previously Cited: 290-2-3-.07(8) requires the Home to maintain for the Provider and any Provisional Employee or Employee with direct care responsibilities current evidence of successful completion of a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid which have been offered by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and which dealt with emergency care for infants and children. Such training must be completed prior to initial licensure for the Provider and within 90 days from date of hire for Provisional Employees and Employees. The Provider, a Provisional Employee or Employee with current CPR and first aid training must always be on the Home's premises and on any field trip whenever any Child is present. It was determined based on a review of records that the first aid and CPR certification was observed expired on this date.

.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 a review of records that Staff #1 hired on October 1, 2002 and Staff #3 hired on January 1, 2008, did not have current evidence of successful completion of pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/4/2026

Recited on 4/20/2026

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

Defer

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290-2-3-.07(9)(a)-The previous citation was deferred on this date as the Provider was observed with 9 hours of annual training. Training documentation will be observed during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2025

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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.