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Date: 7/29/2026 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:10 AM Departure: 1:30 PM

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Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>		
07/29/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing
05/04/2026	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	1	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	4	4	0	0	1
3 & 4 Years	3	3	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	1	1	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	8	9	0	0	1
Total Under 18 Years	8				
Children Present: 8 Total Children: 10					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2					
More than 6 for pay					
6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notarized no-pay statement					

Comments

The Provider conducted the exit conference with the Provider on this date.

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.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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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.19(1)(a)3 - Please ensure the crib sheet is tight-fitting before an infant returns for care and uses the crib for sleep.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2026

Finding

290-2-3-.19(1)b)3 requires that sheets or similar coverings for cots or mats shall either be marked for individual use or laundered daily. If individually marked, they must be laundered weekly or more frequently if needed. It was determined based on observation that there were not sheets available for the cots.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will launder sheets for cots or mats as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2026

Finding

290-2-3-.19(4) requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observation that the children's blankets were stored stacked touching each other in a closet instead of stored without touching as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that the storage of mats and/or cots meets requirements.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2026

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 9

Child # 1	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Immunization Form - (.08)(2),Proof of No Liability Insurance Form	
Child # 2	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Proof of No Liability Insurance Form	
Child # 3	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Proof of No Liability Insurance Form	
Child # 4	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Proof of No Liability Insurance Form	
Child # 5	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Parents Names Missing -(.08)(1),Date of Birth Missing -(.08)(1),Name Missing - (.08)(1),Immunization Form - (.08)(2),Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1),Dad Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Dad Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Release Person Information - (.08)(10),Allergy/Medical Information - (.08)(4),Emergency Medical Authorization - (.08)(3),Proof of No Liability Insurance Form	
Child # 6	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Proof of No Liability Insurance Form	
Child # 7	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Proof of No Liability Insurance Form	
Child # 9	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Allergy/Medical Information - (.08)(4),Proof of No Liability Insurance Form	
Child # 10	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1),Release Person Information - (.08)(10),Proof of No Liability Insurance Form	

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.08(1) requires the Home to have a current and updated record for each Child in care and for a period of one (1) year after each Child leaves. Such records shall include: identifying information (Child's name, birth date, Parent's name, home and business addresses, telephone numbers); name, address and telephone number of persons, including Child's physician, to contact in emergencies; and name, address, telephone numbers, relationship to Child and to Parent(s) and other identifying information of person(s) to whom the Child may be released. It was determined based on a review of records that the Home did not have a current and updated record for Child #5 as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain the missing information and maintain the Children's records as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2026

Finding

290-2-3-.08(11) requires that if the Home is not covered by liability insurance sufficient to protect its clients, the Home must notify the Parent of each Child under the care of the program in writing. Each Parent must acknowledge receipt of such notice, and a copy of the acknowledgement shall be kept in the Child's file. It was determined based on observation that the Home did not have written acknowledgement of parents' receipt of No Liability Insurance notice in each Child's file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain and maintain documentation.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2026

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 a review of records that the Home did not have a current record of immunizations for Child #1, as it expired on December 20, 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2026

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.08(4) - Please ensure that each child's file includes acknowledgement of known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2026

	Facility
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 a review of records that the Home did not have documentation of fire, tornado, and other emergency situation drills.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will develop and implement a plan and schedule for conducting the required drills, completing the documentation, keeping the documentation on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2026

Finding

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) requires that poisons, medicines, cleaning agents and other hazardous materials be in locked areas or inaccessible to children. It was determined based] on observation that there was one plug-in in an outlet within access of the children in the bathroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the safe storage of hazardous items, the Home Provider will make these items inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2026

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)(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 observations and measurements that the fencing bars measured four inches apart presenting an entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will install a barrier to eliminate the gap between the fencing bars and will enclose the bottom of the fencing to eliminate the gap at the bottom of the fence.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2026

Recited on 7/29/2026

Food Service**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.10(6) - Please ensure the menu posted is for the current week.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2026

Health and Hygiene**290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(j) requires children's hands to be washed with liquid soap and warm running water: immediately upon arrival for the day and re-entering the child care area after outside play; before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, and playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, contact with bodily fluids such as, but not limited to, mucus, saliva, vomit or blood, and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that the children did not wash their hands before eating lunch on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure proper hygiene, all children will wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2026

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

The provider stated appropriate 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)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) requires a person that provides care for more than six children for pay, related or unrelated, as defined in these rules, shall make application to the Department for a license to operate a Child Care Learning Center, except as provided in 290-2-3-.07(15). It was determined based on a review of records that the Provider was caring for seven unrelated children for pay on this date when six unrelated children are allowed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Family Child Care Learning Home caring for more than six children shall reduce the number of children in care to six. The Family Child Care Learning Home will submit an application for a Child Care Learning Center and receive a license to operate from the Department before caring for more than six children, related or unrelated, for pay.

Correction Deadline: 7/29/2026

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

The provider and/or the home's employee were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(1)(e) - Please ensure first aid kit is replenished to contain the following: scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, thermometer, adhesive tape, band-aids, insect - sting preparation, antiseptic cleaning solution, antibacterial ointment, bandages, disposable rubber gloves, protective eyewear, facemask, and cold pack.

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2026

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 2****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2026

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

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Helper Orientation-.07(5)

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)**Met****Comment**

Evidence observed that the Provider and Helper were certified in pediatric First Aid and CPR on this date.

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 Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.07(16) requires the Home to ensure that the total number of Children not Related to the Provider in the Family Child Care Learning Home, for pay or not for pay, cannot exceed six Children, except that a Provider may care for two additional children who are three years of age or older for two designated one hour periods daily upon approval by the Department. It was determined based on a review of records that there were seven children not related to the Provider present for care on this date when it cannot exceed six children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will reduce the number of unrelated children, both for pay and not for pay, so that the total number of unrelated children in care does not exceed the number of children as specified in these rules.

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2026

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.