



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/28/2025 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

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Quality Rated: No

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.
10/28/2025	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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	2	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	2	2	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	2				
Children Present: 2 Total Children: 2					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

Comments

The family child care program received a final license on this date. The family home does not carry liability insurance. The total capacity is limited to 6.

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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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 Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

Comment

Toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured.

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

Met

Comment

Two (2) of two (2) cribs were observed meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards manufactured in 2021 and 2024. Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the owner during the inspection visit.

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

N/A

Comment

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

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Provider does not have fire arms in the home.

Correction Deadline: 10/28/2025

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.

Finding

290-2-3-.13(1) requires that the Home be clean and free from hazards. It was determined based on observation that the carpet in the left side classrooms had the edges of the carpet unraveling and not connected to the floor causing a tripping hazard. Also, the bathroom toilet screws were missing and needed replacing. Furthermore, in the hallway bathroom there was an opening in the ceiling where an unknown object was previously and the tub was uncovered and accessible to the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the cleanliness and safety of the environment, the Home Provider will make hazardous items inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2025

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 there was broken and uneven concrete on the entrance of the playground. The railings on the porch measured six inches wide when less than three inches are required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will add mesh or insert additional bars to ensure the railing is repaired. Also the home will find a solution for the broken and uneven concrete at the entrance to the home/playground area. The home will complete a playground checklist daily or more often as needed to ensure that the Home's outdoor play area is kept clean and free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 12/8/2025

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)

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Provider on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed. Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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

Met

Comment

A final license was issued on this date. The overall licensed capacity is six (6) children at any given time.

Comment

Consultant discussed Business License requirement with the Provider. The Provider has until November 28, 2025 to submit the Business License to the Consultant.

Correction Deadline: 10/28/2025

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals	Met
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Comment

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

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

Consultant discussed appropriate discipline and guidance techniques with the provider.

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit	Met
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Comment

A completed First Aid Kit was observed on this date.

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center 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
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Comment

One (1) person 17 years and older Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. One (1) record was observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

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