Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/11/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:30 AM **Departure:** 1:25 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/11/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing
08/10/2025	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
12/17/2024	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	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	0	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	0	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	2	0	0	2
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	1
Total Under 13 Years	0	4	0	0	3
Total Under 18 Years	0				

Children Present: 0
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1
Total Children: 7
Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments
The Consultant and Provider discussed the report and best practices.

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 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 techincal assistance is available!**

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a LS:

Activities and Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2024 **Prior Visits: 05/18/2023**

Corrected on 8/11/2025
.12(5) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the following to have been corrected on this date:

-The brown sectional couch in the living room area was clean and in satisfactory repair on this
-The large brown reclining chair located in the left corner of the living room area had been removed from the living room area on this date.
-The brown rug located between the living room area and kitchen had been removed from the living room area and kitchen on this date.

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

Comment
Care is not provided for any infant required to be in a crib

290-2-3-.07 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **N/A**

Comment
There is no pool on the property

Children's Records

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 that Child #1, Child #2, and Child #5 did not have a current and updated record.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home Provider will obtain the missing information and maintain the Children's records as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/11/2025 **Prior Visits: 06/08/2022**

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 a review of records that Child #1 had an expired immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child.

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2025 **Prior Visits: 06/08/2022**

Recited on 8/11/2025

Facility

290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) **Not Met**

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 a gallon of Dynamo Lemon Scented Bleach, and a spray bottle of All Purpose Cleaner in an unlocked cabinet and accessible to children under the kitchen sink.

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: 8/11/2025 **Prior Visits: 06/08/2022**

290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
290-2-3-.13(1) requires that the Home be clean and free from hazards. It was determined based on observation that the strip around the bath tubhad mold. It was further determined that the wall on the right side of the bath tub had peeling pant. It was also determined that there metal toilet paper hanger hanging from the top of the toilet was rusted through-out.

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: 8/30/2025 **Prior Visits: 05/18/2023**

Recited on 8/11/2025

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

Defer
290-2-3-.13(2)(a)-Previous citation deffered until the next regulatory visit due to rain.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home will repair any and all identified outdoor hazards and will monitor playground daily or more often as needed to ensure that the Home's outdoor play area is kept clean and free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2024 **Prior Visits: 06/08/2022**

Correction Deadline: 1/3/2025 **Prior Visits: 06/08/2022**

Corrected on 8/11/2025
.13(2)(d) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the previous fencing hazard to have been repaired on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2024 **Prior Visits: 12/17/2024**

Corrected on 8/11/2025
.11(1)(a) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that there were no children present at the time of the visit.

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 a child did not wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival as required.

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: 8/11/2025 **Prior Visits: 05/18/2023**

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

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
There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (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.

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

Finding
290-2-3-.07(9)(a) requires that every calendar year, after the first year of employment the Provider, Provisional Employees or and Employees, shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #1 had completed zero clock hours of annual training when ten clock hours of annual training was required for the 2024 calendar year.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home will obtain the required annual training for Staff and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file or within the Georgia Professional Development System (GaPDS). The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2025

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Comment
There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

Comment
There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)