



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 7/27/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:10 AM **Departure:** 12:35 PM

**FR-27859**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

| <u>Compliance Zone Designation</u> |                  |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 07/27/2026                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 04/09/2026                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 08/05/2025                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

| <u>Ratio Capacity</u>                                                                              |                  |               |      |             |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------|-------------|-------------------|
| 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                | 1             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 3 & 4 Years                                                                                        | 0                | 2             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| School Age(5+) Years                                                                               | 0                | 0             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| Total Under 13 Years                                                                               | 0                | 3             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| Total Under 18 Years                                                                               | 0                |               |      |             |                   |
| Children Present: 0 Total Children: 3<br>Caregivers/Helpers Present: 5 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1 |                  |               |      |             |                   |

**Comments**

Discussed compliance with State rules and regulations to support ongoing health and safety of children in care.

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.

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#### 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](http://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.

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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](mailto: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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2026

Corrected on 7/27/2026

.12(5) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The provider removed all boxes and storage items out of the children's activity space.

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

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

Comment

There is no pool on the property

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

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

Not Met

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 one of three enrolled children did not have a current immunization record on file. The immunization certificate on file expired on November 29, 2025. when a current immunization record or a signed affidavit was required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

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

**Correction Deadline: 7/27/2026**

**Recited on 7/27/2026**

|                                                          | Facility       |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)</b> | <b>Not Met</b> |

**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 observation that the provider did not complete or documented completed fire drills monthly. Additionally, the last fire drill was conducted on March 7, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

**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: 8/26/2026**

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**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.

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| <b>290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

The Home appeared clean and free from hazards.

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| <b>290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)</b> | <b>Technical Assistance</b> |
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**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - Please ensure all renovation equipment and debris is kept out of children's reach and not on their play area.

**Correction Deadline: 8/6/2026**

|                                                 | Food Service |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>290-2-3-.10 Food Service &amp; Nutrition</b> | <b>Met</b>   |

**Comment**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk 5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk 2 of 5 Components for snack Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers. The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website: DECAL <http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx> USDA <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

|                                                      | Health and Hygiene   |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)</b> | <b>Not Evaluated</b> |

**Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

**Comment**

There were no children present 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**

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

**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**

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

**Safety and Discipline****290-2-3-.11 Animals****Met****Comment**

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

**Comment**

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date.

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

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

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

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home

**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**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Provider stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

**290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR(CR)****Met****Comment**

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

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

Discussed staff qualifications and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**290-2-3-.07 Staff Training****Met**

**Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026**

Corrected on 7/27/2026

.07(9)(b)1 - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Provider was aware of the required ten (10) clock hours of annual training. Additionally, training for 2026 was on file and in process of completion.

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| <b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b> |
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290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)

N/A

**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)

N/A

**Comment**

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