



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/8/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 10:55 AM

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Same

Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
07/08/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/16/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/16/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

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	1	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	3	3	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	4	6	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	4				
Children Present: 4 Total Children: 6					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2					

Comments

An on site monitoring visit was conducted on July 8, 2025 with the assistant provider.

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 user id 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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a MV:

Activities and Equipment

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/20/2014

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2004

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities. Consultant discussed the rules for water related activities.

Facility

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/20/2014

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2004

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

Food Service

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/20/2014

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2004

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

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

The Consultant discussed with the Director that food shall be served according to manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes, and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability.

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2025**Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director that center Personnel shall ensure that children do not have excessive amounts of food in their mouths while eating and are chewing their food appropriately to prevent instances of choking. Children shall always be seated when eating and shall not be allowed to lie down or be put to sleep while food is present in their mouths.

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2025

Health and Hygiene

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/20/2014

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

Staff # 2 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2004

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

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 provider and the children transitioned from the playground area to the inside of the childcare area without washing their hands.

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: 7/8/2025

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

N/A

Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/20/2014

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

Staff # 2 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2004

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/16/2025

Prior Visits: 01/16/2025

Safety and Discipline

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/20/2014

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2004

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

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

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

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/20/2014

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2004

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

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 Staff Qualifications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/20/2014

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2004

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 1/26/2025****Prior Visits: 01/16/2025****Corrected on 7/8/2025****Previous citation corrected. The provider was caring for four children for pay on this date.**

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Technical Assistance

Supervision 591-1-1-.32(7) The Consultant discussed with the Director that children shall be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.

Correction Deadline: 7/8/2025