



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/19/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:55 AM **Departure:** 1:35 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. 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.
11/19/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/05/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/21/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

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

Comments

A copy of the visit report was left with the Provider on this date. The CCS Consultant discussed and left a copy of the updated Child Care Weather Watch Chart with the program today. Weather does not permit outdoor play when there is active precipitation or when weather advisories are in effect. Consult the Child Care Weather Watch Chart resource for further guidance, considering specific weather conditions.

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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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.09 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.09(3) - Please ensure that children in care are allowed daily outdoor play weather permitting.

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2025

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

Met

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1), Immunization Form - (.08)(2), Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1), Emergency Medical Authorization - (.08)(3), Allergy/Medical Information - (.08)(4), Release Person Information - (.08)(10), Dad Home # Missing - (.08)(1), Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1), Emergency Medical Authorization - (.08)(3), Allergy/Medical Information - (.08)(4), 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 enrollment records for Child #6. It was further determined that the files for Child #1, Child #3, and Child #4 did not have physician contact information. Additionally, Child #3 and Child #4 did not have the names of emergency contacts on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The consultant left a copy of the enrollment packet with the Provider. The Home Provider will obtain the missing information and maintain the Children's records as required.

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2025**Recited on 11/19/2025****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 a review of records that the Home did not have written documentation of no liability insurance for children #1, #3, #4, and #6.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The consultant left a copy of the form with the provider. The Home Provider will obtain and maintain documentation.

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2025**Recited on 11/19/2025****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 immunization records for Child #1 and Child #2 had expired.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2025**Recited on 11/19/2025**

Finding

290-2-3-.08(4) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which would limit the Child's participation in the program. It was determined based on a review of records that the Home did not have the child's allergy information documented for children #3 and #4.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will secure and maintain the missing Child's health information.

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2025

Recited on 11/19/2025

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.08(8)(b) - Discussed updating the Home's policies and procedures to include the program's practices regarding the expulsion and suspension of children enrolled for care within the description of behavior management and discipline actions used by the Home.

Also discussed to ensure a description of the practices followed by the Home to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma in children up to five years of age that includes the following information: how to recognize, respond to, and report the signs and symptoms of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma; strategies to assist staff members in understanding how to care for infants and how to cope with a crying, fussing, or distraught child; strategies to ensure staff members understand the brain development of children up to five years of age; and a list of prohibited behaviors when dealing with children.

Additional information can be found in the FCCLH Indicator Manual found on DECAL's website at: <https://www.dec.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx> or through the Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome found at: <https://dontshake.org/>.

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2025

290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.08(3) requires the Home to obtain Parental authorization at the time of a Child's enrollment for emergency medical care when the Parent is not available. It was determined based on a review of records that child #4 and child #6 did not have the required parental authorization for emergency medical treatment on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The consultant left a copy of the form with the provider. The Home Provider will have authorization for emergency medical care completed by the Parent for Children enrolled.

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2025

Recited on 11/19/2025

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

Home observed complete emergency drills

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.

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

The Home appeared clean and free from hazards.

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 the following playground hazards were observed:

- multiple areas of exposed sharp edges of concrete throughout the play area
- a large shovel in the back left corner of the playground
- an iron griddle that was uncovered and had two large protruding rods on the left side
- a push mower that was partially covered by an area rug located along the back fence and was accessible to the children

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: 11/29/2025

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 observation that a board was loose on the right side of the fence and had a protruding nail that posed a hazard to the children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will enclose the outside play area(s) with a four-foot high fence or other Department-approved barrier and inspect regularly to ensure fencing material is safe and any hazards identified are repaired or replaced. The Home will install or repair a fence around swimming pools that makes them inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2025

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

Met

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**290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)**

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(1)(j) - Please ensure that liquid soap is provided for hand washing for staff and children in care.

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2025

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

There are no diapered children currently enrolled in the program.

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

N/A

Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

Comment

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals

N/A

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

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

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2024

Corrected on 11/19/2025

.21(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Provider was the only caretaker on the premises and had submitted Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site and had submitted to a comprehensive background check as required by the Department.

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.

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2024

Corrected on 11/19/2025

.21(1)(c) -The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Provider was the only caretaker on the premises and had evidence of a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter on file.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.07(8)(b) requires the Provider, a Provisional Employee or Employee with current evidence of successful completion of pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid must always be on the Home's premises whenever any Child is present. It was determined based on a review of records that the Provider did not have updated First Aid and CPR training on file. The most recent training expired on 05/10/2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will ensure at least one currently pediatric CPR and First Aid trained Staff person is present on the Home's premises when children are present.

Correction Deadline: 11/26/2025

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training**Technical Assistance****Correction Deadline: 12/31/2024****Corrected on 11/19/2025**

.07(9) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Provider had evidence of completed ten (10) hours of annual training for the calendar year 2024.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.07(9)(b)1 - Discussed that effective July 1, 2025, all staff are required to obtain at least two hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and at least two hours in on-going child development and health and safety related topics as part of their 10 hours of annual training.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2025**Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision****290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)****Met****Comment**

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.