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Date: 6/17/2026 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:55 AM **Departure:** 2:40 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.
06/17/2026	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	0	0	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	0				
Children Present: 0 Total Children: 0 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

Comments

The family child care learning home received a final license on this date. The provider does not carry liability insurance.

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.dec.al.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.dec.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.09 Activities

Technical Assistance

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Please ensure that education centers are provided for science and music.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

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

Met

Comment

Consultant discussed with the provider to add toys and materials to enhance the learning environment.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Consultant observed one (1) of one (1) pack and play meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards manufactured in (2026). Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the family provider during the inspection visit.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that pack and play pad is covered with waterproof washable material. Please ensure that material is cleaned with a disinfectant before a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that pack and play sheets are tight-fitting which are changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.. Please use sheet straps to help ensure that sheets are tight-fitting.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

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

Met

Comment

There is no pool observed on the property.

Facility

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that glass screen door is marked with stickers or decals to avoid accidental impact.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

Comment

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

Comment

There were no firearms in the home.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

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.

290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that a barrier or screen is provided for the floor furnace when in use to prevent children from being burned.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that small concrete area near walkway is filled with ground covering to cover concrete edge.
Please ensure that minor debris and weeds are removed from playground area near chain link fence.

Correction Deadline: 6/27/2026

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 the chain link fence measured below 4 feet in height, exposed screw bolt measured over 2 threads, and the bottom area of the wooden fence gaps measured over 3.5 inches.

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 provider will add an approved fence extension to ensure that fence is measuring at 4 feet in height, cut down screw bolts to 2 threads, and enclose gaps at the bottom of wooden fence to prevent entrapment hazard.

Correction Deadline: 6/17/2026

Food Service**290-2-3-.10 Kitchen Operations****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure to add a thermometer in the refrigerator and freezer.

Correction Deadline: 6/27/2026

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**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Diapering procedures was discussed with the provider on this date.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures with the provider on this date.

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 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Consultant discussed appropriate discipline and guidance techniques with the provider on this date.

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

Please add missing item(s) in first aid kit(s); scissors, tweezers, thermometer, face mask, triangular bandage, and eye protection.

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The provider will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hours transportation training prior to transporting children.

Staff Records

290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. One (1) of one (1) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Proper ratios and capacities were discussed with the provider on this date.

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

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Adequate supervision was discussed with the provider on this date.