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Date: 1/20/2026 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:45 AM **Departure:** 3:45 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
01/20/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing
08/08/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
08/23/2024	Licensing Study	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)	2	2	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	3	3	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	3	3	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	2	0	1	0
Total Under 13 Years	8	10	0	1	0
Total Under 18 Years	8				

Children Present: 8
Total Children: 11
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 5
Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2

More than 6 for pay
6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notorized no-pay statement

Comments
Licensing Study conducted.

January 23, 2026: Licensing Study was revised to include rule violations observed after visit form was closed in KOALA and awaiting signature and discussion with provider. The form revisions also reflect corrections and omissions to the original signed report, as well as correction of grammatical, spelling, and typographical errors. Rena Keene

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.

<u>Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients.</u> 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 **Not Met**

Finding
290-2-3-.09(1) requires the Home to provide a variety of daily activities appropriate for the Childrens' ages and developmental levels. Children with special needs shall be integrated unless contraindicated medically or by parental agreement. Activities shall be planned to include indoor and outdoor play; a balance of quiet and active periods; a balance of supervised free choice and caregiver-directed activities; individual, small group, and large group activities; large muscle activities; small muscle activities; language experiences; arts and crafts; dramatic play; rhythm and music; and nature and science experiences. It was determined that no activity schedule was posted in the Child Care Learning Home showing the planned activities.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home Provider will post a schedule which shows the variety of appropriate activities that are required to be provided.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

Finding
290-2-3-.09(5) requires that children less than three (3) years of age shall not spend more than one-half (1/2) hour of time consecutively in confining equipment, such as swings, highchairs, jumpseats, carriers or walkers. Children shall use such equipment only when they are awake. Such children shall be allowed time to play on the floor daily. It was determined based on Consultant's observation that Child Number 1 who is two months of age was kept in a bouncy seat on the living room floor from the time Consultant arrived at 10:45 am until 12:15 pm when she was removed for feeding.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home Provider will ensure that children less three years of age do not spend more than 1/2 an hour in confining equipment and shall be allowed floor time daily.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

Finding
290-2-3-.09(6) requires that supervised tummy time on the floor is provided daily for each infant while the infant is awake. It was determined that two infants in provider's care were not provided tummy time during the visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home Provider will follow a schedule that allows infants to be provided supervised tummy time on a daily basis.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

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

Technical Assistance
290-2-3-.12(5) requires all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment shall be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint and kept clean. Please ensure that the playpen in use for infant sleep is kept clean and free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

290-2-3-.19 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR) **Not Met**

Comment
Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Finding
290-2-3-.19(2)(c) requires that infants shall only sleep in a safety approved crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep as described in 290-2-3-.19(1)(a) and shall not sleep in any other equipment, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the facility asleep or fall asleep in such equipment or on the floor shall be transferred to a safety approved crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep. It was determined based on observation that a two-month old infant was allowed to sleep in a bouncy seat between 3:00 pm and 3:30 pm during the visit on January 20, 2026, while in the care of Adult No. 4 until the provider arrived back at the Family Child Care Learning Home at approximately 3:30 pm.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home Provider will move infants who fall asleep in equipment other than a safety-approved crib such as a car safety seat, highchair or swing, or on the floor, to a safety-approved crib.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

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

Comment
Home does not provide swimming activities.

Comment
There is no pool on the property

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 11 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 10**

Child # 1 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Parents Names Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Dad Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Dad Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1),Immunization Form - (.08)(2),Emergency Medical Authorization - (.08)(3),Allergy/Medical Information - (.08)(4),Release Person Information - (.08)(10),Infant Feeding Plan - (.10)(4),Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Dad Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Mom Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Dad Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Release Person Information - (.08)(10),Immunization Form - (.08)(2),Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1)

Child # 4 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Parents Names Missing -(.08)(1),Immunization Form - (.08)(2),Release Person Information - (.08)(10),Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 5 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Mom Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Dad Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1),Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 6 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Mom Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Parents Names Missing -(.08)(1),Immunization Form - (.08)(2),Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 7 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2),Release Person Information - (.08)(10),Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 9 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Parents Names Missing -(.08)(1),Release Person Information - (.08)(10),Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 10 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Parents Names Missing -(.08)(1),Release Person Information - (.08)(10),Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 11 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

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 children's records that all information was not on file as follows:

1. No record was available for Child No. 1 who was enrolled at the center on January 16, 2026.

2. Information for persons to whom each child could be released was incomplete in the records for Child No. 7, Child No. 9, Child No. 10, and Child No. 11.

3. Parents' work information was not available for Child No. 3, Child No. 5, and Child No. 6.

4. The telephone number for the physician of Child No. 5 was not listed and no medical provider was listed for Child No. 3.

Please obtain information for both parents when available.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain the missing information and maintain the Children's records as required. Consultant also discussed with provider that no child can be accepted for care without the required enrollment information.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

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 children's records and provider's statement that none of the ten children enrolled for care had a statement on file regarding liability for the provider.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home Provider will obtain and maintain documentation.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

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 children's records that immunization records were not on file as follows:

1. No immunization record was on file for Child No. 3.
2. The immunization record for Child No. 6 expired on January 8, 2026.
3. The immunization record for Child No. 4 expired on July 1, 2025.

An immunization record for Child No. 1 will be required within 30 days of the child's enrollment, which was stated to be January 16, 2026

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

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

Technical Assistance
290-2-3-.08(8) - 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.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx or through the Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome found at: https://dontshake.org/.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

Finding
290-2-3-.08(9) requires that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent or guardian to drop off and pick up the Child document each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the Child. The documentation shall include at least the following information: the date , the Child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person and shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. It was determined based on observation that only two of the eight children present when Consultant arrived at 10:45 am had been signed in by a parent to indicate their time of arrival at the provider's home.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home will develop, if needed, and implement sign-in and out procedures that include all required information, will inform Parents of the procedures and will monitor to ensure Children are signed in and out as required.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

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 children's records and provider's statement that no emergency medical authorization was available for Child No. 1 who was enrolled on January 16, 2026.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will have authorization for emergency medical care completed by the Parent for Children enrolled.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

Facility

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

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) - Please ensure that broom and uncovered trash cans are not accessible in the child care area.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

Finding

290-2-3-.11(2)(h) requires at least one UL Approved smoke detector to be on each floor of the Home and such detectors to be maintained in working order. At least one 2-A:10-B:C fire extinguisher shall be kept in the child care area to be located no more than thirty feet from the kitchen. The extinguisher shall be maintained in working order and shall be inaccessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that neither of the fire extinguishers present in the home were in correct working order. Both were showing the arrow outside the green area and in need of service or replacement. Please ensure that the batteries in the smoke detectors are current.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The home provider will ensure that a working smoke detector is on each floor and a working fire extinguisher is available in the child care area as required, and is maintained inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2026

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

Finding

290-2-3-.13(1)(d) requires the Home shall be kept free of fire hazards and unnecessary or excessive combustible material. When in use, radiators, open fire, oil or wood burning stoves, floor furnaces and similar hazards shall have barriers or screens to prevent children from being burned. Unvented fuel fired heaters shall not be used unless equipped with an oxygen depletion safety shut off system. It was determined based on observation that a plugged-in space heater was in the living room area where children were kept.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will remove any unnecessary hazards and will ensure that access to stoves, fire places, etc. is inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

Finding

290-2-3-.13(1)(e) prohibits the use of multiple plugs and electric extension cords. Electrical outlets within reach of children shall be plugged or covered. It was determined base on observation that several cords, including an extension cord and cords to a computer and to a space heater were on the floor in the living room accessible to the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will not use multiple plugs and electric extension cords and will check regularly to ensure electrical outlets are plugged or covered.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR) — Not Met

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 hazards were present as follows:

1. The infant swing had visible and extensive black mold on the surface.
2. Several items were observed to hold water that had collected from recent rains.
3. A broken climber was on the playground that also was covered with black mold.
4. A broken outdoor umbrella was beside the broken climber.
5. A roll of fencing mesh was leaning on an inside corner of the playground.
6. Several limbs and vines were hanging low and posed a hazard to the children.
7. A large piece of black plastic sheeting was on the ground in the play area beside the front corner of the house and was holding water.
8. Numerous broken or unusable toys and other trash, such as empty water bottles, were observed on the play area.
9. Parts of the lattice enclosing the underside of the ramp and home structure was on the ground and left an opening that posed an entrapment hazard for the children.
10. Drain pipes and other waste field items were not marked off and made inaccessible 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: 1/30/2026

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) - Please ensure that the gates are closed on the playground. The children were not observed on the outside play area at the time that the back gate was observed to be open to a wooded area.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Food Service

290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition — Not Met

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.10(1) requires that meals and snacks are served, with serving sizes dependent upon the age of the child that meet nutritional guidelines as established by the United States Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals and snacks shall be varied daily, and additional servings of nutritious food shall be offered to children over and above the required daily minimum, if not contraindicated by special diet. Portion sizes of protein, fruit, and vegetables that are required to constitute a serving were discussed with provider.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

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://decal.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx USDA http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks

Finding
290-2-3-.10(3) requires a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age be obtained from Parent(s). Instructions from the Parent(s) shall be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. The feeding plan shall be posted in the main child care area and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given, instructions for the introduction of solid foods, the amount of food to be given and notation of any type(s) of commercially premixed formula which may not be used in an emergency because of food allergies. It was determined based on observation and staff statements that no feeding plan had been provided for Child No. 1 who was enrolled on January 16, 2026. The feeding plan for Child No. 5 did not reflect the current food being provided to the child. The feeding plan had not been updated since it was noted that formula be given every four hours. This child was observed to be fed cereal prepared by the provider with apples and carrots baby food, along with powdered Enfamil formula prepared by the provider.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home will develop and implement a plan to obtain and post the completed feeding plan as part of the enrollment process and to have parents update the plans on a regular basis.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

Finding
290-2-3-.10(4) requires that all baby bottles be clearly labeled with the individual child's name. Formula or breast milk shall be supplied by the Parent daily in bottles. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. Bottles shall be refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. If formula must be provided by the Home, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. It was determined based on observation and staff statements that requirements for formula was not met as follows:

1. Bottles for Child No. 1 were kept in a book bag designated as the child's bag until 12:15 pm and not refrigerated as required. Consultant arrived at 10:45 am and provider stated that she thought that the child had arrived about 7:00 am. Additionally, the two bottles provided were not marked with the baby''s name.

2. Child No. 5 was provided Enfamil that was brought to the parent in powder form and not prepared in bottles by the parent.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home will ensure that requirements for bottles, formula and breast milk are followed and will ensure that feeding procedures are met.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

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

Technical Assistance
290-2-3-.10(13) requires that all perishable and potentially hazardous foods be refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or below and served promptly after cooking. Freezer temperature shall be maintained at zero (0) degrees Fahrenheit or below. Please ensure that the refrigerator is set so that it shows that the temperature is 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2026

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.

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

Comment
Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Comment
Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures. Provider stated that no medication has been administered in the last six months, but that with correct documentation, she is willing to administer medication as needed.

Licensure

290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR) **Not Met**

Finding

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) requires a person that provides care for more than six children for pay, related or unrelated, as defined in these rules, shall make application to the Department for a license to operate a Child Care Learning Center, except as provided in 290-2-3-.07(15). It was determined based on observation that provider was caring for eight children during the visit. Five of the eight children present were under three years of age.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Family Child Care Learning Home caring for more than six children shall reduce the number of children in care to six. The Family Child Care Learning Home will submit an application for a Child Care Learning Center and receive a license to operate from the Department before caring for more than six children, related or unrelated, for pay.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals **Not Met**

Finding

290-2-3-.11(1)(n) requires pets in the Home be properly vaccinated in accordance with the requirements of the local county Boards of Health. Unconfined pets shall not be permitted in child care areas when any Child is present except for supervised learning experiences. It was determined based on observation that three cats were present on the premises, specifically on the front porch where children enter the Family Child Care Home and where the attendance sign-in/sign-out sheets are located. The porch also provides access to the outdoor play area. While appropriate information for the family dog, which was caged during the visit was provided, there was no documentation available for the cats.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure that all animals are properly vaccinated and that unconfined animals are not allowed in child care areas.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

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

Comment

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

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

Comment

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s). Please ensure that the first aid kit is equipped with a thermometer, triangular bandage and antiseptic solution.

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

Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 6 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 6**

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/20/2026

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Criminal Records Check -.21(1)(a)

Staff # 2 Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/25/2006

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9),CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

Staff # 3 Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/26/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

Staff # 4 Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/26/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Helper Orientation-.07(5),CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

Staff # 5 Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/20/2026

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Criminal Records Check -.21(1)(a)

Staff # 6 Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/20/2026

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Criminal Records Check -.21(1)(a)

290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) **Not Met**

Finding

290-2-3-.21(1)(a) requires the Home to ensure that the Provider, every actual and potential Employee(including residents age 17 and older) and Provisional Employee of the Family Child Care Learning Home has submitted both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on a review of staff records and staff statements that three adult family members who are residing in the home did not have satisfactory background checks on file and have not made an application to obtain fingerprint determinations at an authorized fingerprint site. The script relating to the training video affidavit and rules requiring background checks for all adult household members was read to provider and a one-day letter was left advising that adults residing in the home who do not have the satisfactory background checks cannot be present in the Family Child Care Learning Home.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Home will ensure that every actual and potential Provider, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Family Child Care Learning Home submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The provider must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Home will ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

Finding
290-2-3-.21(1)(c) requires every Employee to have a current and valid satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Home while any child is present for care or before residing in the Home if age 17 or older. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of staff records and staff statements that three adult family members are residing in the home who do not have satisfactory background checks on file. The script relating to the training video affidavit and rules requiring background checks for all adult household members was read to provider and a one-day letter was left advising that adults residing in the home who do not have the required satisfactory background checks cannot be present in the Family Child Care Learning Home.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Home will ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Home while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Home. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The provider must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Home will ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026

Correction Deadline: 8/11/2025

Corrected on 1/20/2026
.21(1)(m)3. - The provider was observed to have a satisfactory background check on file.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR **Not Met**

Finding
290-2-3-.07(8)(a) requires the Home to maintain for the Provider and any Provisional Employee or Employee with direct care responsibilities current evidence of successful completion of a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid which have been offered by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers. Such training must be completed prior to initial licensure for the Provider and within 45 days from date of hire for Provisional Employees and Employees. Current and valid evidence of the successful completion of such training shall be maintained on the Home’s premises. It was determined based on a review of records and staff statements that neither the provider nor the two helpers have current CPR and First Aid certification,

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home will obtain the required pediatric CPR and first aid training and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file. The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested. The Home will ensure that there is always a Staff person on the Home's premises whenever any Child is present.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2026

290-2-3-.07 Provider Qualifications **Not Met**

Finding
290-2-3-.07(5) requires that prior to assignment to children or task, the Provider and all Employees (i.e., Volunteers, Students-in-Training, Independent Contractors, etc.) and Provisional Employees must receive initial program orientation. It was determined based on a review of records and observation that Adult No. 4 performed child care duties while provider left to pick up a grandchild from school, leaving Adult No. 4, who had no evidence of orientation on file, to assist Adult No. 3 in the care of the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home will ensure that all Staff have completed the required orientation training and will ensure any new Staff hired complete orientation training as required.

Correction Deadline: 1/21/2026

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

Comment
Discussed staff qualifications and compliance 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 staff records and staff statements that provider did not receive the required ten hours of ongoing training during the 2025 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: 2/19/2026

Finding
290-2-3-.07(9)(b)1 requires the annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall include at least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices. It was determined based on a review of records and staff statements that provider did not receive two hour of the required training relating to literacy or language development for the 2025 calendar year.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Provider will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year to include a least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2026

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR) — Not Met

Finding
290-2-3-.07(16) requires the Home to ensure that the total number of Children not Related to the Provider in the Family Child Care Learning Home, for pay or not for pay, cannot exceed six Children, except that a Provider may care for two additional children who are three years of age or older for two designated one hour periods daily upon approval by the Department. It was determined based on observation that the provider was caring for eight unrelated children until approximately 2:45 pm, at which time two more school age children arrived for care. From approximately 2:45 pm until the visit ended, ten unrelated children were present in the home for care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home will reduce the number of unrelated children, both for pay and not for pay, so that the total number of unrelated children in care does not exceed the number of children as specified in these rules.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2026

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR) — Not Met

Finding
290-2-3-.07(18) requires at least one Staff person with a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination shall supervise Children 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 Staff members are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The person(s) 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. Plans shall be made to obtain additional Staff help in cases of emergencies. It was determined based on observation that a two-month old infant was left unattended while in the care of Adult No. 4 when the helper left the chlld sleeping in a bouncy seat in the living room at approximately 3:30 pm for approximately five minutes before the provider arrived back to the Family Child Care Learning Home. The other nine children were in the outdoor play area with Adult No. 3 during this time.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home will ensure that either the Provider or at least one Staff person with a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination supervises the children at all times as required by the rules. The Home will develop or update a plan to obtain additional Staff help in case of an emergency.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2026