



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 7/19/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 11:35 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

**FR-48949**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

| Compliance Zone Designation |                  |               | <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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| 07/19/2024                  | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 02/15/2024                  | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 01/25/2023                  | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

| Ratio Capacity                                                                |                  |               |      |             |                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------|-------------|-------------------|
| Age Ranges                                                                    | Children Present | Child For Pay | CAPS | Not for Pay | Provider Children |
| Infant (0-11 mos)                                                             | 1                | 1             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 1 & 2 Years                                                                   | 1                | 1             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 3 & 4 Years                                                                   | 4                | 4             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| School Age(5+) Years                                                          | 2                | 2             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| Total Under 13 Years                                                          | 8                | 8             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| Total Under 18 Years                                                          | 8                |               |      |             |                   |
| Children Present: 8 Total Children: 8                                         |                  |               |      |             |                   |
| Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1                     |                  |               |      |             |                   |
| <b>More than 6 for pay</b>                                                    |                  |               |      |             |                   |
| 6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notarized no-pay statement |                  |               |      |             |                   |

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a licensing study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/19/2024

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



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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**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed o the Home on this date.

**Comment**

Toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions on this date.

**Comment**

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

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Mats, sheets and blankets observed on this date and disinfecting procedures discussed with the provider.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities at this time.

**Comment**

There was no pool on the property.

**Children's Records**

**Records Reviewed: 8**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 8

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

**Finding**

290-2-3-.08(12) requires that documentation for the care of related children in the Home, other than the Providers own children, include a notarized statement of family relationships by the Parent(s). It was determined based on review of records that one child, who was related to the provider did not have evidence of a no compensation form on file.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will obtain and maintain documentation.

**Correction Deadline: 7/19/2024**

**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 review of records that two children had expired immunization records on file.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization records or signed affidavit are on file for each enrolled Child.

**Correction Deadline: 7/19/2024**

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**290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)****Met****Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained and completed.

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**290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Not Met****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 last emergency drill conducted was February 6 2024.

**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: 8/18/2024**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

**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 the provider had an appropriate sized fire extinguisher that needed to be refilled or recharged.

**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: 7/29/2024**

**Comment**

Operable smoke detectors were observed as required in the home this date.

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

The Home appeared clean and free from hazards on this date.

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

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

**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)****Met****Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.Discuss infant hand washing with provider.

**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****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 the provider was caring for a total of eight children that included one related child not for pay, at the time of the visit. an application to care for more than six children was not submitted to the Department before caring for more than six children.

**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: 7/19/2024**

**Comment**

Application requirements for additional children was reviewed with the Provider on this date.

**Safety and Discipline**

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| <b>290-2-3-.11 Animals</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

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

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| <b>290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

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| <b>290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home on this date.

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| <b>290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation at this time.

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| <b>Staff Records</b> |
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| <b>290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**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**

Satisfactory Comprehensive Criminal Records Checks were observed to be complete.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Discussed with provider to submit a finger print application for her teen foster child before the age of 17.

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| <b>290-2-3-.07 First Aid &amp; CPR</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR that expire May 22, 2026

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| <b>290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| <b>290-2-3-.07 Staff Training</b> | <b>Not Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Health and Safety Training completed as required. Discussed taking the Health and Safety Training every five years with provider for each Staff member with direct care of the children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Provider stated Health and Safety Training would be taken again since it was outside the five year time frame.

**Finding**

290-2-3-.07(9) requires that every calendar year, after the first year of employment the Provider, and any Provisional Employees or and Employees, shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department- approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained in the Home by the Provider, as required by these rules. It was determined based on review of records that the provider did not have evidence of the annual ten hour training as required.

**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. The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested.

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.07(15) 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 approved by the Department. It was determined based on observation that the provider had eight children present at the time of the visit.

**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: 7/29/2024**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.