



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/18/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

FR-25632

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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.
11/18/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/05/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/30/2024	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	2	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	6	6	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	6				
Children Present: 6 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 4					
Total Children: 6 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2					

Comments

On this date, Jessica Johnson (JJ), Consultant, reviewed the visit report with Provider Jackie Mann.

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!



Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.09 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.09(3) -) Discussed that outdoor activities must be provided daily, weather permitting.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2025

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

Not Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

Finding

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. It was determined based on observation that a piece of wood was missing from the top of the dramatic cabinet and exposed screws were accessible to children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will repair the missing wood piece to cover the exposed nails on the dramatic cabinet. The Home will monitor all indoor and outdoor equipment to ensure it is free from hazards and kept clean.

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2025

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.19(1)(a) - Please ensure not to store toys or materials in the play yard.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2025

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

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 6

Child # 1	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Proof of No Liability Insurance Form	
Child # 2	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Proof of No Liability Insurance Form	
Child # 3	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Proof of No Liability Insurance Form	
Child # 4	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Proof of No Liability Insurance Form	
Child # 5	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Proof of No Liability Insurance Form	
Child # 6	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
Proof of No Liability Insurance Form	

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records

Not Met

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 5 out of 5 children records were missing the no liability acknowledgement forms on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain and maintain documentation.

Correction Deadline: 11/25/2025

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.aspx> or through the Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome found at: <https://dontshake.org/>

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2025

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) requires that poisons, medicines, cleaning agents and other hazardous materials be in locked areas or inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed:

- A hanging white cord was observed on the side of the green cabinet accessible to children in care.
- Vitamins were observed in an unlocked green cabinet accessible to children in care.
- Desitin diaper cream was observed stored on the bottom shelf where diaper were stored accessible to children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the safe storage of hazardous items, the Home Provider will make these items inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2025

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)

Met

Comment

The Home appeared clean and free from hazards.

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - Per the Provider the storage room located near the outdoor play area is under construction. Per the Provider the outdoor play area is not in use. Discussed covering the exposed storage room with a tarp to make area inaccessible.

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2025

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2025

Corrected on 11/18/2025

.13(2)(d) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date as the fence was observed repaired.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(1)(j) - Discussed that children's hands must be washed with liquid soap and warm running water immediately upon arrival for the day.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2025

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(1)(m) - Please ensure that pacifier clips are not attached to children's clothing as they pose a choking hazard.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2025

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)**Met****Comment**

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

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

290-2-3-.07(8)(a) - Discussed that effective July 1, 2025, new staff are required to obtain pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training within 45 days of employment. It was further discussed that Homes must have at least one person with current pediatric First Aid and pediatric CPR training present during field trips, transportation of children, and on the Home's premises whenever any Child is present.

Correction Deadline: 12/18/2025

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training**Technical Assistance****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: 12/18/2025

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

290-2-3-.07(25)(b) - Discussed that all Employees, including volunteers, independent contractors, students-in-training, etc. should have a completed initial program orientation form on file.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2025

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**

290-2-3-.07(17) - The Consultant observed appropriate supervision on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2025

