Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/27/2026 **VisitType:** ILS with Final License Date **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 11:15 AM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/27/2026	ILS with Final License Date	Good Standing
07/23/2026	Initial 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)	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
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 0
Total Children: 0
Total Caregivers/Helpers: 0

Comments
Provider emailed consultant pictures and video was sent by phone to show corrections made. A final license is being issued on this date.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed



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.decal.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.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.

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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Site Room Measurements

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Summary Section

Building	Room	Max 35 SF.	Max 25SF.

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy

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Compliance and Enforcement Determination Worksheet

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Repeat Rule Violations

For this visit, there aren't any repeated citations.

Points for Prior Class C/D Rule Violations

Date	VisitType	CDRepeat Rule	Points For Highest Severity Level (Points Calculation #3)
		Total Points for Severity Level:	0

Points Total

#1 - Repeat Violation Points:	**0**
#2 - Repeat Violation - Highest Severity:	**0**
#3 - Prior Visit - Class C or Class D Violations:	**0**
Total:	**0**

REPEAT VIOLATION POINTS CALCULATION

(1) Repeat Violation Points assigned for any core and non-core rule (s) cited on the current visit AND cited on visit(s) during prior 12 months:	***(2) For each Repeat Violation, assign points based on the highest severity level assigned for that rule during prior 12 months:***
1st Violation of a Rule within 12 Months = 0	Non-Core Rule Violation = 0
2nd Violation of Same Rule within 12 Months = 1	Level A Low Core Rule Violation = 1
3rd Violation of Same Rule within 12 Months = 2	Level B Medium Core Rule Violation = 2
4th Violation of Same Rule within 12 Months = 3	Level C High Core Rule Violation = 3
For each subsequent Violation of Same Rule within 12 Months, one additional point is accrued	Level D Extreme Core Rule Violation = 4

ADDITIONAL POINTS FOR SERIOUS INCIDENT/INJURY VIOLATION

(3) Assign points for each PRIOR visit when there are any Class C (High) or Class D (Extreme) violations on the current visit AND any Class C (High) or Class D (Extreme) violations cited on visit(s) during prior 12 months regardless of whether or not there are any repeat violations during the current visit:
Each Prior Visit with Class C/Class D Rule Violation = 2

Violation Class Determination

(1) Are there any violations on the current visit? Yes

(2) Are there any repeat violations on the current visit? No

(3) Is there a High or Extreme on the current visit? No

(4) Is there a High or Extreme citation within repeat rules? No

As of this visit:					
Violation Class:	**A**	**Enforcement Box:**	**AI**	**Total Points:**	**0**
Violation Level:	**I**	**Compliance Zone:**	**GS**		

How to select violation class:
• *Select Class A* (Low) if there is at least one rule violation on the current visit, but there are NO Repeat Rule violations, OR there are only NON-CORE Repeat Rule violations, AND there are NO Class C (High) or Class D (Extreme) violations on the current visit
• *Select Class A* (Low) or Class B (Medium) based on the highest severity on the current visit within any REPEAT rule violation(s) if there are NO Class C (High) or Class D (Extreme) violations on the current visit, OR within the REPEAT rule violation(s) during prior 12 months
• *Select Class C* (High) or Class D (Extreme) if there is a Class C (High) or Class D (Extreme) violation on the current visit, AND/OR within any REPEAT rule violation(s) during the prior 12 months

VIOLATION HISTORY LEVEL

Incident results in or could result in: Violation Class (A,B,C,D)	**I 0 Points**	**II 1-3 Points**	**III 4-9 Points**	**IV 10 + Points**
D • **Extreme Harm** • **Imminent Danger**	**D** — **I3 - C (D)**			
C • **High Harm**	**CI** — **I1 - I2 (GS)**	**CII** — **I1 - I3 (S)**	**CIII** — **I2 - C (D)**	**CIV** — **I3 - C (D)**
B • **Medium Harm**	**N/A ****	**BII** — **P2 - P3 (GS)**	**BIII** — **I1 - I 2 (S)**	**BIV** — **I2 - C (D)**
A • **Low Harm**	**AI** — **P1 - P2 (GS)**	**AII** — **P1 - P3 (GS)**	**AIII** — **P2-P3 (GS)**	**AIV** — **I1 - I2 (S)**

****Based on Rules for assigning Violation Class, it is not possible to have zero points and be at Violation Class B**

Compliance Zones:
Good Standing (GS) - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. (AI, AII, AIII, BI, BII, CI)
Support (S) - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting the rules. (AIV, BIII, CII)
Deficient (D) - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. (BIV, CIII, CIV, D)

ENFORCEMENT CATEGORIES, LEVELS, AND ACTIONS

PREVENTION CATEGORY (P)	***INTERMEDIATE CATEGORY (I) (Includes Prevention Actions)***	***CLOSURE CATEGORY (C)***
Prevention Level 1 (P1)	**Intermediate Level 1 (I1)**	Suspension of License (More than 1 week)
Technical Assistance	Fine	Revocation of License
Prevention Level 2 (P2)	**Intermediate Level 2 (I2)**	Emergency Closure (Imminent Harm)
Citation	Per Rule Fine	
Prevention Level 3 (P3)	Per Day Fine	
Formal Notice Letter	**Intermediate Level 3 (I3)**	
Office Conference	Fine and Restriction	
	Restricted License	
	Restricted License & Per Rule/Per Day Fine	
	Emergency Monitor & Per Rule/Per Day Fine	
	Short-term Suspension (Less than 1 week)	