**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**
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**Date:** 11/20/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 12:30 PM **Departure:** 2:40 PM

**FR-000004845**
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**Quality Rated:** No

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
|---|---|---|
| 11/20/2025 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |
| 05/28/2025 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |
| 11/06/2024 | 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)** | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **1 & 2 Years** | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **3 & 4 Years** | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **School Age(5+) Years** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total Under 13 Years** | 5 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total Under 18 Years** | 5 | | | | |

Children Present: 5
Total Children: 7
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 4
Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

**Comments**
The Consultant conducted the exit conference with the Provider on this date.

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.

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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 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@decal.ga.gov **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.

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

**Comment**
Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

**Comment**
290-2-3-.07 Provider stated the Home does not provide swimming activities.

**Correction Deadline: 11/20/2025**

## Children's Records

**290-2-3-.08 Children's Records** **Technical Assistance**

**Comment**
Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**Technical Assistance**
290-2-3-.08(8)(a) - New - 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: 11/20/2025**

## Facility

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

**Comment**
Home observed complete emergency drills

**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)** **Met**

**Comment**
The outside area appeared clean and well maintained.

## 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**
Staff stated 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)** **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.

**Comment**
The provider and/or the home's employee were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

**Comment**
Complete documentation of transportation observed.

## Staff Records

**Records Reviewed: 3** **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 2 Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/1998

"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)(b) requires every Provider 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. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the license date; provided, however, if the Provider 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 records that the Provider did not have a current and valid satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Home will immediately ensure that the Provider 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 Director 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 continue to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

**Correction Deadline: 11/20/2025**

**Finding**
290-2-3-.21(1)(m)3. requires that a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination be completed for the Provider and each Employee and Provisional Employee at least once every five years. It was determined based on a review of records that the Provider had not completed a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination at least every five years as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Home will immediately ensure that each Director, Employee and Provisional Employee has a Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file that has been issued within the past five years. 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 continue to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

**Correction Deadline: 11/20/2025**

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

**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 records that the Provider did not complete ten (10) clock hours of diverse training for 2024 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 or within the Georgia Professional Development System (GaPDS). The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested.

**Correction Deadline: 12/20/2025**

**Comment**
290-2-3-.07(9)(b)1 - New - 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: 12/20/2025**

## 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**
Adequate supervision observed on this date.