**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**
**Atlanta, GA 30334**
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**Date:** 5/22/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:55 AM **Departure:** 11:20 AM

**FR-000007980**
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**Quality Rated:** No

**Compliance Zone Designation**

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|---|---|---|
| 05/22/2025 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |
| 08/22/2024 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |
| 10/17/2023 | 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** | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **3 & 4 Years** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| **School Age(5+) Years** | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total Under 13 Years** | 6 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| **Total Under 18 Years** | 6 | | | | |

Children Present: 6
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1
Total Children: 10
Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

**Comments**
Five children for pay and one child not for pay with a no comp from observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home 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:**

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

**Contact the Quality Rated help desk a1 855-800-7747 or** qualityrated@decal.ga.gov **for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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**(Findings Report)**

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**The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:**

## Activities and Equipment

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

**Comment**
Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

**Comment**
Currently the provider is not caring for infants. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

**Comment**
Home does not provide swimming activities. A swimming pool is located at the Provider's home, which is a separate address from the center. A supervision plan has been developed.

## Facility

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

**Comment**
Home observed complete emergency drills as of May 2, 2025.

**Correction Deadline: 8/22/2024**

**Corrected on 5/22/2025**
**.11(2)(f) - Previous citation corrected in that the consultant did not observe any hazardous materials accessible to children on this date.**

**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 appears clean and free from hazards.

**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 there were numerous active ant beds on the playground.

**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: 5/26/2025**

**Recited on 5/22/2025**

**Correction Deadline: 9/22/2024**

**Corrected on 5/22/2025**
**.13(2)(d) - Previous citation corrected in that the consultant observed the playground fence to be four feet in height on this date.**

## Food Service

**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 8/22/2024**

**Corrected on 5/22/2025**
**.10(6) - Previous citation corrected in that the consultant observed menus listing all meals and snacks as required.**

## Health and Hygiene

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

**Comment**
Staff state proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

**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)** **Met**

**Comment**
Five children for pay and one child not for pay with a no comp from observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home on this date.

## Safety and Discipline

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

**Comment**
Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

**290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**
The provider does not provide routine transportation.

## Staff Records

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

**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 on August 22, 2024.

**Comment**
Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Comment**
Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

## 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**
The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children.