



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/22/2026 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:00 AM Departure: 12:35 PM

FR-64136

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

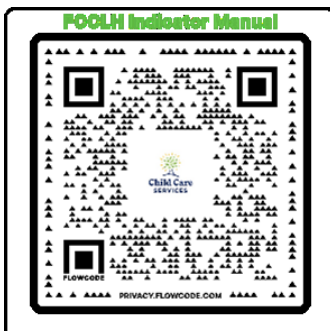
Compliance Zone Designation			Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient. Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable 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.
07/22/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/23/2026	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/23/2026	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	

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	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	2	2	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	5	5	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	5				
Children Present: 5 Total Children: 5 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

Comments

A copy of the visit report was left with the Provider 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.dec.al.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.dec.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.09 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2026

Corrected on 7/22/2026

.09(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed outdoor play on this date, and the Provider stated that children are receiving periods of outdoor play daily.

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

There is no pool on the property

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2026

Corrected on 7/22/2026

.08(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All children present had complete enrollment files on site with information required by The Department.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2026

Corrected on 7/22/2026

.08(11) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All children's files had signed copies of statements of no liability insurance.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2026

Corrected on 7/22/2026

.08(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All children's enrollment forms had the required immunization forms on file.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2026

Corrected on 7/22/2026

.08(8)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. A copy of the Provider's policies and procedures were available to the Consultant on this date.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2026

Corrected on 7/22/2026

.11(2)(c) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed complete documentation of dates and times of monthly fire drills.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2026

Corrected on 7/22/2026

.11(2)(f) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All potentially hazardous materials were observed to be stored out of the reach of children.

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

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2026

Corrected on 7/22/2026

.13(2)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Weeds had been trimmed along the fence border, exposed tree roots had been marked with spray paint, and the wooden fence gate along the corner had been covered with a black tarp that made it inaccessible to the children in care.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2026

Corrected on 7/22/2026

.13(2)(d) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All fence gaps and protrusions had been covered by a thick, black covering around the perimeter of the fence which made it inaccessible to the children in care.

Food Service

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2026

Corrected on 7/22/2026

.10(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Lunch consisted of all USDA components which included fruit and milk.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2026

Corrected on 7/22/2026

.10(6) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The menu for the current week was posted on the wall with other required posted notices.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2026

Corrected on 7/22/2026

.10(8) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All food was served according to portion and serving recommendations.

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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**

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2026

Corrected on 7/22/2026

.04(1)(d) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Provider was caring for a total of six children on this date. The Provider also stated that an application to operate a Child Care Learning Center had been filed with the Department.

Safety and Discipline

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

Comment

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

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit **Met**

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2026

Corrected on 7/22/2026

.11(1)(e) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed a complete First Aid kit in the home on this date.

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

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR(CR) **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.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2026

Corrected on 7/22/2026

.07(16) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The home was caring for a total of six children 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.