



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/19/2026 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:10 AM Departure: 1:00 PM

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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.
02/19/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/22/2025	Monitoring Visit	Support	
03/07/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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)	1	1	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	3	4	0	1	0
3 & 4 Years	3	3	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	3	2	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	10	10	0	1	0
Total Under 18 Years	10				
Children Present: 10 Total Children: 12					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 4 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 3					
More than 6 for pay					
6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notarized no-pay statement					

Comments

A monitoring visit was conducted.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date



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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.09 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure television time is no longer than two hours and in 30 minute increments per day

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2026

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.12(4) requires that all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment shall be used in a safe and appropriate manner by each Provider, Provisional Employee and Employee and child in attendance and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, recommendations, and intended use. It was determined based on observation a red table was on top of a green table posing a tipping hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will discontinue inappropriate use of furniture/materials/equipment and ensure that all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment is used in a safe manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and/or recommendations for intended use.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2026

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure there are no balloons in the center.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2026

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)

N/A

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2025

Corrected on 2/19/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Provider was observed to have enrollment files for children attending program.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2025

Corrected on 2/19/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All children attending program had updated immunization records.

290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.08(3) requires the Home to obtain Parental authorization at the time of a Child's enrollment for emergency medical care when the Parent is not available. It was determined based on a review of records that child #3 was observed to be without a signed parental emergency medical authorization on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will have authorization for emergency medical care completed by the Parent for Children enrolled.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2026

Recited on 2/19/2026

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2025

Corrected on 2/19/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Provider had records of fire drill being conducted for January and February 2026.

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 grey sitting stairs had grey duct tape on the edges.

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: 3/20/2026

Recited on 2/19/2026

290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2025

Corrected on 2/19/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There were no hanging plastic bags accessible to children.

Comment

The Home appeared clean and free from hazards.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure the playground is free from pine cones, pine straws, leaves and weeds.

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2026

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2025

Corrected on 2/19/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The jungle gym was observed secured and anchored.

	Food Service
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Comment

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk 5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk 2 of 5 Components for snack Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers. The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website: DECAL <http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx> USDA <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

Discussed Decal rules of choking hazards.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing was observed throughout the Home.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated the proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently being dispensed

Licensure

290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2025

Corrected on 2/19/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Provider had six children for pay on this date.

Comment

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

The Consultant observed appropriate no-compensation forms for four children enrolled, compensation forms for six children enrolled and verified only twelve are in attendance daily, The Consultant discussed that no more than 12 children may be in care at any given time

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals

N/A

Comment

The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises.

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 First Aid Kit

Met

Comment

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home

Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2025

Corrected on 2/19/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Staff #4 had completed a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site.

Comment

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after the last visit. Provider stated that there have been no new hires since the last visit

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2025

Corrected on 2/19/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Staff #4 was observed to have a satisfactory comprehensive background check.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2025

Corrected on 2/19/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Staff #1,#2 and #3 had evidence of a CPR and First Aid training completed.

Comment

Observed compliance with the local zoning authorities, fire safety agencies and local building authorities on this date.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2025

Corrected on 2/19/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Provider had six unrelated children present on this date.

Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.