



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/17/2025 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:20 AM Departure: 2:00 PM

FR-16429

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
07/17/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/19/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/29/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

Ratio Capacity					
Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	1	3	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	0	0	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	3	3	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	2	3	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	6	9	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	6				
Children Present: 6 Total Children: 9					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 4 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 0					

Comments

The findings of this report were reviewed with the Provider on this date. All Core Rules and follow up to previous rule violations were observed 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.

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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a MV:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.12(7) requires all indoor and outdoor furniture and equipment shall be secured if equipment and furniture is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. Potentially unstable equipment and furniture that might injure a child if not secured include, but are not limited to, televisions, chests of drawers, bookcases, shelving, cabinets and fish tanks. Examples of items not required to be secured include, but are not limited to, child-sized tables and chairs, rocking chairs, and cribs. It was determined based on observation that the following potential hazards existed

Back Area

- There were unsecured cots leaning on a chair on the left side of the room.
- There was a unsecured TV located on the floor on the front left side of the room.

Main Area

- There were stacked chairs on the left wall by the front door.

Playground

- There was rust on the infant bucket swings in the middle of the playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will secure any identified equipment and/or furniture to prevent from tipping or falling over on a child. The Home Provider will ensure that all potentially dangerous equipment is maintained secure.

Correction Deadline: 8/17/2025

Prior Visits: 03/19/2025

Recited on 7/17/2025

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.19(1)(a)3 - The Consultant and the Provider discussed that crib sheets do not have stains.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2025

Correction Deadline: 3/19/2025

Prior Visits: 03/19/2025

Corrected on 7/17/2025

.19(2) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed an infant awake in the playpen with large soft toys. The Consultant discussed with the Provider that objects shall not be placed in the play pen with the infant while sleeping.

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 8

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Infant Feeding Plan - (.10)(4)

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/30/2023

Prior Visits: 12/13/2022

Corrected on 7/17/2025

.08(1) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed evidence of enrollment packets completed on this day.

Facility

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

Not Met

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 following hazardous materials were accessible to children on this date:

Main Play Area

- There plastic storage bags located next to the door.
- A backpack with a phone cord located in the children area.
- A staff purse was open and located on top of the play shelf on the right of the classroom.
- A broom was located by the front door.
- A unlocked storage closet with disinfectant spray and other hazards.
- There were a set of stacked chairs next to the entrance door.
- There was one pack of gloves and one pack of wipes next to the diapering table.

Back Area

- A staff bag was located on the couch.
- A vacuum cleaner was located on the right side of the room near the couch.
- A vacuum and spin mop next to the children cubby area.
- There was one of spectracide and one bag of weed killer in a box.

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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: 9/17/2025

Prior Visits: 03/19/2025

Recited on 7/17/2025

Comment

The Home appeared 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 the following playground potential hazards were accessible to children on this date:

- There were multiple small active ant hills at the middle right of the playground.
- There were multiple wooden fence slats laying on the picnic table at the back right of the playground.
- There were exposed roots located on the right side of the playground and under the large tree next to the cars.
- There was rust on the blue climber on the right of the playground.
- There were thorny vines on the right side of the fence.
- There was dog poop in the middle of the playground.
- There were garden tools located on the left side of the back playground.
- There was a box of nails located on the top of the goal post of the back left side of 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 Homes outdoor play area is kept clean and free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2025**Prior Visits: 11/29/2023****Recited on 7/17/2025****Correction Deadline: 4/25/2025****Prior Visits: 03/19/2025****Corrected on 7/17/2025**

.13(2)(c) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed evidence of three inches of resilient surfacing was added under the blue rainbow climber

Finding

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) requires that outside play areas be protected from traffic or other hazards by fencing or other barriers at least four feet in height and approved by the Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children. A fence shall be provided around swimming pools to make them inaccessible when not in use. It was determined based on observation that the following potential fencing hazards existed

- The fence at the back right playground measure three feet nine inch when four feet required.
- There was a 5 inch gap at the bottom of the front left fence.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will enclose the outside play area(s) with a four-foot high fence or other Department-approved barrier and inspect regularly to ensure fencing material is safe and any hazards identified are repaired or replaced. The Home will install or repair a fence around swimming pools that makes them inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2025**Prior Visits: 03/19/2025****Recited on 7/17/2025****Food Service****290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.10(3) - The Consultant and the Provider discussed obtaining an infant feeding plan for all enrolled children under the age of 1

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2025**Prior Visits: 11/29/2023****Health and Hygiene**

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

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

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

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)	Met
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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)	N/A
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Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Discussed staff qualifications and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)	Met
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Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)	Met
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Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.