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Date: 5/20/2026

VisitType: POI Follow Up

Arrival: 11:15 AM **Departure:** 12:15 PM

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Quality Rated: ★

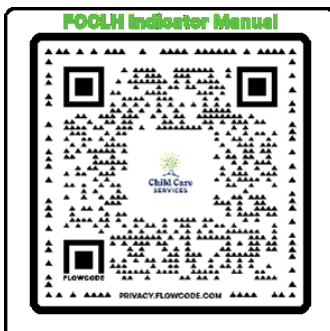
Compliance Zone Designation			Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient. Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable 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.
05/20/2026	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
04/08/2026	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/03/2025	Monitoring Visit	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	0	1	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	2	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	3	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	2	6	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	2				
Children Present: 2 Total Children: 6					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 5 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

Comments

The visit report was reviewed with the Provider.

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!



Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2026

Corrected on 5/20/2026

.08(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All child files had evidence of a notice of no liability insurance signed by the Parent(s). Child #5 had evidence of the physician and emergency contact information and emergency medical authorization and Child #6 had evidence of physician and emergency contact information as required.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2026

Corrected on 5/20/2026

.11(2)(f) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There were no medications observed within the reach of children and the bathroom cabinet was locked with a latch on this date.

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

Defer

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2026

Corrected on 5/20/2026

.13(2)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There were no piles of dog feces present on the outdoor play area on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026

Corrected on 5/20/2026

.13(2)(c) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There was six inches of resilient surface material beneath and in the fall zone of the swinging and climbing equipment as required.

Defer

290-2-3-.13(2)(d)- Evaluation of the previous citation was deferred on this date. The Provider provided paperwork that the fence would be repaired on June 1, 2026.

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: 4/30/2026

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/8/2026

Corrected on 5/20/2026

.11(1)(n) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Provider's pet was confined and not permitted in the child care area while children were present as required.

Staff Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2026

Corrected on 5/20/2026

.07(8)(b) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Provider had current evidence of successful completion of pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid as required.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/8/2026

Corrected on 5/20/2026

.07(9)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Provider had evidence of ten clock hours of diverse training for the 2026 calendar year.

Correction Deadline: 5/8/2026

Corrected on 5/20/2026

.07(9)(b)1 - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Provider had evidence of at least two hours of language and literacy training for the 2026 calendar year.