



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/11/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:30 AM **Departure:** 11:55 AM

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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.
03/11/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/01/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/29/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

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	0	0
3 & 4 Years	2	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	1	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	6	8	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	6				
Children Present: 6 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Children: 8 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

Comments

TA and repeat citations were left with the Provider on this date. The Consultant discussed the chop, look, listen steps with the Provider regarding keeping mealtime safe.

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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.09 Activities

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.09(5) requires that children less than three (3) years of age shall not spend more than one-half (1/2) hour of time consecutively in confining equipment, such as swings, highchairs, jumpseats, carriers or walkers. Children shall use such equipment only when they are awake. Such children shall be allowed time to play on the floor daily. It was determined based on observation a 1 -year-old was confined in a crib while awake.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that children less three years of age do not spend more than 1/2 an hour in confining equipment and shall be allowed floor time daily.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

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.

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 10/1/2025

Corrected on 3/11/2026

The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All children had a child enrollment record on file.

Finding

290-2-3-.08(2) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations; enrollment in the Home may not continue for more than 30 days without such evidence. It was determined based on a review of records that one out eight children did not have evidence of an immunization record on the Georgia form 3231 as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2026

Recited on 3/11/2026

	Facility
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290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant - Safe Environment

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.13(1)(f) requires that fans be positioned or installed so as to be inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation there was a fan accessible to children near the fireplace posing a safety hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that fans are inaccessible.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

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 the following were accessible to children posing a hazard:

- Two bottles of "Clorox" disinfectant spray on top of the counter near the sink in the kitchen.
- A blue tray with bottles of medication inside on top of the microwave on the counter near the sink in the kitchen.
- A jar of "Softee" hair oil on top of the table in between the kitchen and the living room.
- A broom leaning against the pantry door in the kitchen.
- A white grocery bag hanging on the doorknob of the pantry door in the kitchen.
- A yellow grocery bag hanging from the doorknob of the front door.

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: 3/11/2026

Comment

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home on this date.

Comment

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home on this date.

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Provider keeping electrical space heaters inaccessible to children even when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

Finding

290-2-3-.13(1)(e) prohibits the use of multiple plugs and electric extension cords. Electrical outlets within reach of children shall be plugged or covered. It was determined based on observation there was an electrical outlet on the left side wall of the front door and on the left side of the fireplace that did not have protective caps accessible to children posing an electrocution hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will not use multiple plugs and electric extension cords and will check regularly to ensure electrical outlets are plugged or covered.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2026

Recited on 3/11/2026

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

Comment

The outside area appeared clean and well maintained.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

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

Comment

Staff stated 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

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

Safety and Discipline

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed.

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 the last visit. Provider stated that there have been no new hires since the last visit.

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.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.