



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/13/2025 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:30 AM **Departure:** 5:00 PM

FR-62669

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Same

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. 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.
11/13/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/28/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/17/2024	Initial Licensing Study	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	6	6	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	3	3	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	3	4	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	12	13	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	12				
Children Present: 12 Total Children: 13					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2					
More than 6 for pay					
6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notarized no-pay statement					

Comments

Consultant provided resources for new staff to conduct CBC and No Compensation Affidavits.

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 user id 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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2025

Corrected on 11/13/2025

.09(5) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Children did not spend more than one-half hour consecutively in confining equipment.

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

Met

Comment

Currently the provider is not caring for infants. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 9

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Finding

290-2-3-.08(13) requires documentation for the care of children, related and unrelated, for whom no pay is received to include a notarized statement from the Parent(s) attesting to the non-pay status. It was determined based on a review of records that five out of five unrelated children for whom no pay is received did not have a notarized statement on file as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain and maintain documentation.

Correction Deadline: 11/27/2025

Recited on 11/13/2025

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.08(2) - Ensure current immunizations records are accessible.

Correction Deadline: 11/13/2025

Facility**290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(c) requires that documentation of drills required by these rules shall be maintained in the Home. The Home shall conduct drills for fire, tornado, and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Home shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that there was no documentation of drills maintained by the Home on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will develop and implement a plan and schedule for conducting the required drills, completing the documentation, keeping the documentation on file for two years. The consultant shared the emergency drill form with the Provider as a resource.

Correction Deadline: 11/27/2025

Recited on 11/13/2025

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2025

Corrected on 11/13/2025

.11(2)(f) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. There were no hazards accessible to 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)**Not Met****Defer**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a)- The large playground was not observed on this date. The Provider stated it is not in use due to storm damage repairs.

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 Home's outdoor play area is kept clean and free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2025

Defer

290-2-3-.13(2)(c)- Provider stated that area of the playground is currently not in use due to needing storm damage repair.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure that there is an adequate resilient surface under and in the fall zone of climbing and swinging equipment. The Home will inspect equipment and resilient surfacing material regularly and repair or replenish as needed.

Correction Deadline: 5/8/2025

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 six wooden planks were broken or missing from the gate at the front right of the playground leaving gaps ranging from seven to nine inches in the gate. It was further observed that rusted nails were protruding from the wooden planks. Children were not present on the playground on this date.

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: 11/27/2025

Recited on 11/13/2025

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Food Service

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2025

Corrected on 11/13/2025

.10(5) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The high chairs appeared to be in good condition.

Health and Hygiene

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(1)(j)- Ensure proper hand washing by staff.

Correction Deadline: 11/13/2025

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(1)(j) - Ensure proper hand washing of children.

Correction Deadline: 11/13/2025

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

Finding

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) requires a person that provides care for more than six children for pay, related or unrelated, as defined in these rules, shall make application to the Department for a license to operate a Child Care Learning Center, except as provided in 290-2-3-.07(15). It was determined based on an observation and review of records the Provider was caring for 12 children on the date of the visit and had a total of 13 children enrolled.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Family Child Care Learning Home caring for more than six children shall reduce the number of children in care to six. The Family Child Care Learning Home will submit an application for a Child Care Learning Center and receive a license to operate from the Department before caring for more than six children, related or unrelated, for pay.

Correction Deadline: 11/13/2025

Safety and Discipline**290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)**

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

N/A

Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 2

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/11/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Criminal Records Check -.21(1)(a)

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.21(1)(c) requires every Employee to have a current and valid satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Home while any child is present for care or before residing in the Home if age 17 or older. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member #1, Date of Birth April 21, 1962, with a hire date of November 10, 2025, did not have a valid and current Satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check determination on file. Staff #1 was observed to be present with children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Home will ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Home while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Home. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The provider must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Home will ensure the Comprehensive Records Check rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 11/13/2025

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Finding

Previously Cited: 290-2-3-.07(15) requires the Home to ensure that the total number of Children not Related to the Provider in the Family Child Care Learning Home, for pay or not for pay, cannot exceed six Children, except that a Provider may care for two additional children who are three years of age or older for two designated one hour periods daily upon approval approved by the Department. It was determined based on observation that there were 12 children present in the home that were not related to the Provider on on this date.

290-2-3-.07(17) requires the Home to ensure that whenever Related Children or Children who reside in the Home are present in the Home the total number of children present under the age of thirteen years may not exceed twelve, and the space requirement of 35 square feet per each child present must be met. It was determined based on observation that there were 12 children present in the home that were not related to the Provider on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Previously Cited: The Home will reduce the number of unrelated children, both for pay and not for pay, so that the total number of unrelated children in care does not exceed the number of children as specified in these rules.

The Home will limit the number of children as required by the rules.

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2025

Recited on 11/13/2025

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2025

Corrected on 11/13/2025

.07(18) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Proper supervision was observed.