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Date: 7/15/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:35 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

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Quality Rated:

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/15/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/05/2025	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
07/15/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing

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.

Ratio Capacity

Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	2	2	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	4	3	0	0	1
3 & 4 Years	2	1	0	0	1
School Age(5+) Years	1	0	0	0	1
Total Under 13 Years	8	6	0	0	2
Total Under 18 Years	9				

Children Present: 9 Total Children: 9
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 6 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

Comments
The Provider is operating without a valid license and will have to submit an amendment to ASU.

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 techincal assistance is available!

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a LS:

Activities and Equipment

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: 9 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Child # 5 Not Met
"Missing/Incomplete Components"
Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 7 Not Met
"Missing/Incomplete Components"
Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 8 Not Met
"Missing/Incomplete Components"
Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records **Not Met**

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 two children had expired immunizations records. Additionally, one child did not have an immunization record on the required 3231 form.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child.

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2025

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

Comment
Parent authorizations obtained and completed.

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 observation that the Provider Had not conducted or documented the lockdown and tornado drill for year 2025. The fire extinguisher, smoke detector, and fire drill were not conducted or documented for February 2025, March 2025, April 2025, May 2025, and June 2025 as required.

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.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2025

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

Comment
Operable smoke detectors were observed as required in the home on this date.

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

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 hazards were found on the playground accessible to children, which posed a hazard:
- A red water hose running unwound at the back of the playground.
- A grill on the playground.
- Weeds throughout the bottom of the fence line.
- Tall weeds at the entrance of the playground and the back left side of the playground.
- A propane tank on the stairs.
- A medal shovel at the back of the playground.
- A metal rake at the entrance of the playground.
- A can of spray paint on top of brown storage container.
- Seven wood planks were missing from the bottom of the porch.

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: 7/15/2025 — **Prior Visits: 09/14/2022**

Recited on 7/15/2025

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 the fence links to the entrance of the playground on the right side were separated from the pole causing a large opening and the playground left not completely enclosed. Additionally, at the back left section of the fence the links were separated on the right side from the pole with a large opening, which posed a safety hazard.

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: 7/15/2025 — **Prior Visits: 09/14/2022**

Food Service

290-2-3-.10 Kitchen Operations — Not Met

Finding
290-2-3-.10(13) requires that all perishable and potentially hazardous foods be refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or below and served promptly after cooking. Freezer temperature shall be maintained at zero (0) degrees Fahrenheit or below. It was determined based on observation that the Provider did not have a thermometer in the refrigerator or freezer as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home will ensure that refrigerator and freezer temperatures are met and maintained as required.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2025

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment
Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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) **Not Met**

Finding
290-2-3-.04 (1)(a) prohibits the operation of a Family Child Care Learning Home without a valid license. It was determined based on observation that the home was operating without a valid license after the Provider had the original licensed mobile home structure removed and replaced with a new mobile home structure. Additionally, the indoor floor plan was observed to be changed from the original floor plan.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The provider/home will have to submit an amendment to ASU.

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2025

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals **Met**

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

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

Comment
Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed.

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit **Met**

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

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 First Aid & CPR **Met**

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2025

Corrected on 7/15/2025
The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The Provider had current first aid and CPR. The Helper previous cited was no longer employed.

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

Comment
Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training **Met**

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2025

Corrected on 7/15/2025
The previous citation observed corrected on this date. The Helper previous cited was no longer employed.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Comment
Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Comment
Adequate supervision observed on this date.