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**Quality Rated:** No

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
|---|---|---|
| 03/19/2026 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |
| 09/30/2025 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |
| 09/18/2025 | Attempted | 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)** | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **1 & 2 Years** | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| **3 & 4 Years** | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| **School Age(5+) Years** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total Under 13 Years** | 11 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| **Total Under 18 Years** | 11 | | | | |

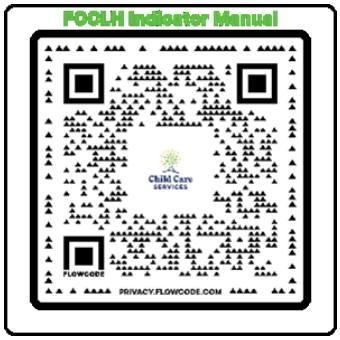
Children Present: 11 Total Children: 11
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 4 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

**More than 6 for pay**
6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notorized no-pay statement

Data retrieval failed for the subreport, 'RatioCapacity', located at: Koala.Reports.Visits.RDLC.RatioCapacity.rdlc.

**Comments**
CRC Affidavit was given to the provider on this date.

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.




For additional information regarding the full compliance inspection results of this program or any licensed program in the state, access the Child Care Services Compliance-at-a Glance website by scanning this QR code or visiting: https://families.decal.ga.gov.

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.

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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.

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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 Licensing Study:**

## 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.

**Comment**
Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

**290-2-3-.19 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**
290-2-3-.19(1)(a)3 requires that each crib and other equipment approved for infant sleep shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that the Pack n" Play used for infant sleeping did not have a tight-fitting sheet. It was further observed that the staff stated that infant sheets were changed weekly.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Home Provider will ensure that each crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep has a tight-fitting sheet that is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

**Correction Deadline: 3/19/2026**

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

**Comment**
Home does not provide swimming activities.

## Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 11** **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Child # 9 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 11 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

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

**Comment**
Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**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 review of records that three out of nine enrolled children did not have current immunization records/signed affidavits on file.

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

**Correction Deadline: 3/31/2026**

**Recited on 3/19/2026**

**Correction Deadline: 9/30/2025**

**Corrected on 3/19/2026**
**.08(9) - The citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed current sign-in and out documents on this date.**

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

**Comment**
Parent authorizations obtained/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 a review of records that the family home did not complete drills for October, November, December for the year 2025.

**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: 4/18/2026**

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

**Comment**
Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home 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)(d) r 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 exterior wooden fence did not completely close.

**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: 3/19/2026**

## Food Service

**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition** **Not Met**

**Comment**
CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk 5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk 2 of 5 Components for snack Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers. The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website: DECAL http://decal.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx USDA http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks

**Finding**
290-2-3-.10(3)(c) requires age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child. It was determined based on observation that an infant was fed directly from the original baby food container.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**
The Home will ensure that age-appropriate solid foods are given only as recommended by the child's physician and upon written instruction by the Parent(s). The Provider will ensure a sufficient number of spoons and dishes/containers are available, ensure proper feeding practices and procedures are reviewed regularly and monitor to ensure procedures are followed.

**Correction Deadline: 3/19/2026**

**Technical Assistance**
290-2-3-.10(7)(d) - The Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that caregivers do not use food to punish or reward children.

**Correction Deadline: 3/19/2026**

## Health and Hygiene

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

**Comment**
Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.

**Correction Deadline: 9/30/2025**

**Corrected on 3/19/2026**
**.11(1)(j) - The Consultant observed the citation to be corrected on this date. The Consultant observed proper handwashing before meal services.**

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

**Comment**
Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

**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 Family Child Care Learning Home this date. The Consultant observed five children for pay and one child with a no compensation notarized form on file.

## Safety and Discipline

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

**Comment**
Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date.

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

**Comment**
Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

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

**Comment**
Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

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

**Comment**
The provider does not provide routine transportation.

## Staff Records

**Records Reviewed: 2** **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 2 Not Met

"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 observation that Staff # 3 was present without current and valid satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file.

**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 CRC rules are maintained.

**Correction Deadline: 3/19/2026**

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

**Comment**
Evidence observed that the Provider was certified in pediatric First Aid and CPR on this date.

**290-2-3-.07 Independent Contractors(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**
The facility does not currently have any independent contractors employed.

**290-2-3-.07 Provisional Employees** **Met**

**Comment**
Observed compliance with the local zoning authorities, fire safety agencies and local building authorities on this date.

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

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

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

**Comment**
The facility does not currently have any volunteers 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.