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Date: 4/28/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:30 AM **Departure:** 2:35 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
04/28/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing
06/17/2024	Initial 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)	0	0	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	3	2	0	1	0
3 & 4 Years	8	7	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	1	0	0	1	0
Total Under 13 Years	12	9	0	2	0
Total Under 18 Years	12				

Children Present: 12
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Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1
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Helper Needed
More than 6 for pay
6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notorized no-pay statement

Comments
The consultant discussed supervision requirements for children 36-months-old and younger during mealtime.

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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/17/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Education Credentials -.07(2)

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 that one 2-year-old child, and two 1-year old children were in highchairs for 97 consecutive minutes.

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: 4/28/2025

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

Comment
A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

Technical Assistance
290-2-3-.12(3) - Please ensure that furniture and equipment are kept clean and in a safe usable condition including cots for resting.

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2025

Technical Assistance
290-2-3-.12(7) - Please ensure that the air purifier are secured to prevent tipping, falling, being pushed or pulled over as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2025

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

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) **N/A**

Comment
Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/17/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Education Credentials -.07(2)

Records Reviewed: 12	**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Child # 6 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Phone Numbers-.08(13)

Child # 7 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

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

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 eight 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: 4/28/2025

Technical Assistance
290-2-3-.08(2) - Please ensure that each Child has evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations on file.

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2025

Facility

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

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/17/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Education Credentials -.07(2)

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: 5/28/2025

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 that the following hazards were present on this date:

-There was hand sanitizer and a stapler on the bottom of the fireplace.
-There were cords hanging from two lights mounted to the wall.
-There were stacked chairs near the television.
- There was a plunger, Zep hardwood spray, Fabuloso, Lysol spray, and Clorox spray in an open closet in the restroom that several children were observed to have used during the visit.

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: 4/28/2025

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 appears 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 accessible in the play area:

-A gas meter accessible on the playground.
-Widespread exposed tree roots accessible on the route to the playground
-a green and black lawn mower
-a black water hose across the concrete area in front of the entry door back to the home
-Goo Gone spray on the black wrought iron table
- large cardboard outdoor umbrella box with exposed Styrofoam and plastic
-AC unit accessible
-rakes and PVC pipes near AC unit
-Several large black plastic bags
-stacked single bricks
-excessive leaves and pine cones throughout the playground
-widespread litter

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

Recited on 4/28/2025

Finding
290-2-3-.13(2)(c) requires that climbing and swinging equipment that are not portable have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment, which is adequately maintained by the Home to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that there was no resilient surfacing beneath the green slide, the rock climbing wall, and the monkey bar of the large play structure where at least 6 inches were required. Additionally, there was no resilient surfacing beneath the green climber and slide of the smaller play structure where at least 3 inches were required.

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 the following fencing hazards were accessible to children on this date:
-5 inch gap in the wooden fence in the top back of the playground near the small play structure
- Over 16 feet length of the wooden fence on the right side of the playground next to the street measured 2 feet 11 inches in height
-orange construction lattice on the right side of the playground was twisted, leaving a 1 foot 3 inch gap at the bottom and a 2 feet 5 inch gap on the side where children can access the wooden fence where several planks were missing in the wood fencing leaving multiple gaps measuring from 5 inches to 2 feet 3 inches wide.

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: 5/28/2025

Food Service

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

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/17/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Education Credentials -.07(2)

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

Finding
290-2-3-.10(5) requires a feeding chair or similar equipment designed for feeding children be provided for the use of each child being fed who is capable of sitting up but who is unable to sit unassisted at a table. The chair or similar equipment must be cleaned with a disinfectant after each use. Such chair or similar equipment shall have a broad base to prevent tipping; a surface that the child cannot raise; a strap or other device which prevents the child from sliding out of the chair; and a feeding surface free of cracks. It was determined based on observation that a highchair was missing a part of the strap which allowed a 2-year-old to climb out of the seat and sit on the arm rest on the side of the chair.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home will inspect feeding equipment to ensure it meets each of the listed criteria and to verify a feeding chair or equipment is provided for each child who requires one. The Home will train staff and monitor to ensure that the feeding equipment is cleaned with a disinfectant after each use.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff # 1 — Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/17/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Education Credentials -.07(2)

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

Comment
Staff state proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

Comment
Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Comment
Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR) — **N/A**

Comment
Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

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

Staff # 1 — Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/17/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Education Credentials -.07(2)

290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR) — **Met**

Comment
Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

Safety and Discipline

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

Staff # 1 — Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/17/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Education Credentials -.07(2)

290-2-3-.11 Animals — **N/A**

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

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

Comment
The provider and/or the home's employee were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

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

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/17/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Education Credentials -.07(2)

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

Comment
Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Comment
Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR with an expiration date in April 2026.

290-2-3-.07 Provider Qualifications **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
290-2-3-.07(2) - Please ensure the Home enrolls in and complete a required educational credential/training such as the CDA or higher.

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2025

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

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

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/17/2024

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Education Credentials -.07(2)

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
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.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
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.

Correction Deadline: 5/8/2025

Finding
290-2-3-.07)(18) requires the Home to ensure that an Employee or Provisional Employee, who must be at least sixteen (16) years of age, must be present to assist with supervision whenever more than three (3) children under the age of twelve (12) months are present, more than six (6) children under the age of three (3) years are present or more than eight (8) children under the age of five (5) years are present. It was determined based on observation that there was a Staff:Child of 1:12 on the day of the visit when a Staff:Child ratio of 2:12 was required as the Provider was caring for two 1-year-olds, one 2-year-old, eight 4-year-olds and one 5-year old.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home will ensure than an Employee or Provisional Employee is present to assist with supervision as required by the rules.

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2025

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
290-2-3-.07(17) requires at least one Staff person with a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination shall supervise Children at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means Staff members are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The person(s) supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm’s length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. Plans shall be made to obtain additional Staff help in cases of emergencies. It was determined based on observation that the Provider was not seated within an arm's length away of two 1-year-old children and one 2-year-old child during mealtime as required. Additionally, during the meal time a 2-year-old child climbed out of the seat of the highchair and sat on the tray.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
The Home will ensure that either the Provider or at least one Staff person with a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination supervises the children at all times as required by the rules. The Home will develop or update a plan to obtain additional Staff help in case of an emergency.

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2025