



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 12/19/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:10 AM **Departure:** 10:45 AM

**FR-0500206**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <u>Compliance Zone Designation</u> |                 |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 12/19/2025                         | Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12/10/2024                         | Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 09/27/2023                         | Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Ratio Capacity</b>                                     |                  |               |      |             |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------|-------------|-------------------|
| 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                                               | 4                | 5             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 3 & 4 Years                                               | 1                | 4             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| School Age(5+) Years                                      | 2                | 1             | 0    | 0           | 1                 |
| Total Under 13 Years                                      | 7                | 10            | 0    | 0           | 1                 |
| Total Under 18 Years                                      | 7                |               |      |             |                   |
| Children Present: 7 Total Children: 11                    |                  |               |      |             |                   |
| Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 2 |                  |               |      |             |                   |

**Comments**

The CCS Consultant discussed and left a copy of the updated Child Care Weather Watch Chart with the program today. Weather does not permit outdoor play when there is active precipitation or when weather advisories are in effect. Consult the Child Care Weather Watch Chart resource for further guidance, considering specific weather conditions.

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.

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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](http://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](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**



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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.12(5) requires all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment shall be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint and kept clean. It was determined based on observation that there were nails protruding from the cabinet in the bathroom accessible to children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will repair or replace any identified hazardous or unclean equipment and will monitor all indoor and outdoor equipment to ensure it is free from hazards and kept clean.

**Correction Deadline: 12/19/2025**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.12(7) requires all indoor and outdoor furniture and equipment shall be secured if equipment and furniture is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. Potentially unstable equipment and furniture that might injure a child if not secured include, but are not limited to, televisions, chests of drawers, bookcases, shelving, cabinets and fish tanks. Examples of items not required to be secured include, but are not limited to, child-sized tables and chairs, rocking chairs, and cribs. It was determined based on observation that there was a set of stacked chairs in the bathroom.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home will secure any identified equipment and/or furniture to prevent from tipping or falling over on a child. The Home Provider will ensure that all potentially dangerous equipment is maintained secure.

**Correction Deadline: 12/19/2025**

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

**N/A**

**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**

Child # 1 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1)

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 5 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Proof of No Liability Insurance Form

Child # 8 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1)

Child # 11 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1)

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

Technical Assistance

##### Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.08(11) - Please ensure that enrolled parents sign and complete the no liability form.

**Correction Deadline: 12/19/2025**

##### Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.08(2) - Please ensure that enrolled parents list required physician information.

**Correction Deadline: 12/19/2025**

#### Facility

#### 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 that there were plastic grocery bags throughout, a plunger in the bathroom, and a vacuum in the bathroom. It was further determined that there was an unlocked cabinet under the diapering table and under the sink with potentially hazardous items.

##### 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: 12/19/2025**

##### Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(2)(h) - Please ensure that the fire extinguisher type is 2-A:10-B:C.

**Correction Deadline: 12/29/2025**

#### 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 Evaluated

##### Comment

Playground not evaluated on this date due to active reconstruction.

## Food Service

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

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://decalfga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx> USDA <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

### 290-2-3-.10 Kitchen Operations

Not Met

#### Finding

290-2-3-.10(17) requires that garbage be stored in trash containers with lids and emptied and cleaned as needed. Areas around outdoor containers shall be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that there was garbage on the floor next to the trash can

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will provide trash containers with lids and will train staff to keep lids on containers. The Home will develop and follow a plan to empty and clean trash containers as needed, will provide the cleaning materials, and will monitor.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2025

## Health and Hygiene

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

Technical Assistance

#### Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(1)(j) - Please ensure that Staff wash hands after handling bodily fluids.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2025

### 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

### 290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

## Safety and Discipline

### 290-2-3-.11 Animals

Met

#### Comment

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

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

Met

#### Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

### 290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit

Met

#### Comment

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

**Comment**

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

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**290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

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**Staff Records**

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff Training****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.07(9)(a) - Please ensure that annual diverse training does not include Health and Safety Orientation that has been completed in less than 5 years.

**Correction Deadline: 1/18/2026**

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**Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**

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

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.