



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/31/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:35 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
01/31/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/17/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/21/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

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	6	0	0	1
3 & 4 Years	0	1	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	7	8	0	0	1
Total Under 18 Years	7				
Children Present: 7 Total Children: 9					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 3 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

Comments

An in person licensing study was conducted on this date.

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 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

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.19(1)(a)3 - Please ensure that each crib and other equipment approved for infant sleep has an individual, tight-fitting sheet.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2025

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider stated the Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Allergy/Medical Information - (.08)(4)

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Mom Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Dad Work # Missing -(.08)(1)

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Mom Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Mom Work # Missing -(.08)(1),Dad Home # Missing -(.08)(1),Dad Work # Missing -(.08)(1)

Child # 8

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Allergy/Medical Information - (.08)(4)

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

290-2-3-.08(1) requires the Home to have a current and updated record for each Child in care and for a period of one (1) year after each Child leaves. Such records shall include: identifying information (Child's name, birth date, Parent's name, home and business addresses, telephone numbers); name, address and telephone number of persons, including Child's physician, to contact in emergencies; and name, address, telephone numbers, relationship to Child and to Parent(s) and other identifying information of person(s) to whom the Child may be released. It was determined based on a review of records that Child #3 and Child #4 had incomplete records missing parents' contact information and work contact information.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain the missing information and maintain the Children's records as required.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2025**Correction Deadline: 9/17/2024****Corrected on 1/31/2025**

.08(12) - This citation was corrected on this date in that based on a review of records, there were not any children present or enrolled that were related to the provider that required a notarized statement of family relationships by the Parent(s).

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2024**Corrected on 1/31/2025**

.08(13) - This citation was corrected on this date in that based on a review of records, there were not any children present or enrolled that were for no pay and required a notarized statement from the Parent(s) attesting to the non-pay status.

Correction Deadline: 10/1/2024**Corrected on 1/31/2025**

.08(2) - This citation was corrected on this date in that based on a review of records, each child enrolled had evidence of immunization record on file.

Finding

290-2-3-.08(4) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which would limit the Child's participation in the program. It was determined based on a review of records that Child #1 and Child #8 did not have acknowledgment of allergies or special needs maintained in their files as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will secure and maintain the missing Child's health information.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2025**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(9) - Please ensure that the parent, guardian, or person authorized to drop off and pick up children, signs or initials the sign in and out documentation. The documents should include the date, Child's name, arrival and departure times, and should be available to the Department in printed or written form upon request.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2025**Facility****290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Met**

Comment

Home observed complete emergency drills

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 appears clean and free from hazards.

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.

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

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

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

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**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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**

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

Comment

The Provider stated the Home does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Discussed updating file with renewed CDA certificate that was completed by the provider but not in the file.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**Comment**

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.