



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/18/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:45 AM **Departure:** 9:45 AM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
03/18/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/16/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/15/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

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

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a licensing study.

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

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/02/2001

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

Comment

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

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: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/02/2001

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility**Records Reviewed: 3****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/02/2001

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Met****Comment**

Home observed complete emergency drills

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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.

Food Service**Records Reviewed: 3****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/02/2001

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

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

Health and Hygiene**Records Reviewed: 3****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/02/2001

Records Reviewed: 3**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

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

Records Reviewed: 3**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/02/2001

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

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

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

Comment

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

Safety and Discipline

Records Reviewed: 3**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/02/2001

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

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

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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.

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

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 3****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/02/2001

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

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**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.07(8) requires the Home to maintain for the Provider and any Provisional Employee or Employee with direct care responsibilities current evidence of successful completion of a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid which have been offered by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and which dealt with emergency care for infants and children. Such training must be completed prior to initial licensure for the Provider and within 90 days from date of hire for Provisional Employees and Employees. The Provider, a Provisional Employee or Employee with current CPR and first aid training must always be on the Home's premises and on any field trip whenever any Child is present. It was determined, based on the review of staff members' files, that staff member # 1 did not have evidence of their CPR certification on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will obtain the required CPR and first aid training and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file. The Home will submit proof of training to the Department, if requested. The Home will ensure that there is always a Staff person on the Home's premises and on any field trip whenever any Child is present.

Correction Deadline: 4/17/2025**Comment**

The consultant discussed with the provider to make sure the staff members are taking the face to face CPR training instead of online CPR training.

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****Comment**

Annual training requirement and documentation observed.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**Records Reviewed: 3****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/02/2001

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

CPR/First Aid -.07(8)

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

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.