



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/18/2026 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 11:55 AM **Departure:** 1:20 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

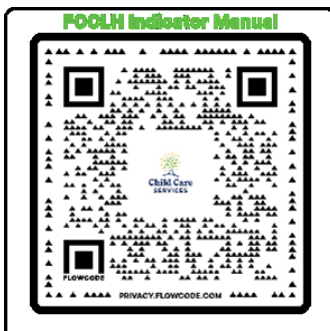
<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient. Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable 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.
06/18/2026	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/24/2026	Monitoring Visit	Deficient	
08/15/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

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	5	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	1	2	0	0	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	4	7	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	4				
Children Present: 4 Total Children: 7					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 6 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 6					

Comments

The Consultant reviewed the visit with the Provider A copy of the report was emailed.

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.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.

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.dec.al.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@dec.al.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 POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.12(3) - he Consultant discussed with the Provider that furniture and equipment to be kept clean and in a safe usable condition.

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2026

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.19(1)b)3 -The Consultant discussed with the Provider that sheets or similar coverings for cots or mats shall either be marked for individual use or laundered daily. If individually marked, they must be laundered weekly or more frequently if needed. Please ensure that sheets are placed on each cot.

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2026

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/24/2026

Corrected on 6/18/2026

.11(2)(h) - The previous citation corrected in that an operable fire extinguisher was observed on the day of the visit.

290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2026

Corrected on 6/18/2026

.13(1) - Based on observation the flooring material in the bathroom, and areas in the child care area were repaired. In addition, the rails to the entry of the home and the rails with splintering wood was repaired.

Comment

The Consultant discussed with the Provider to add additional railing on the right lower side of the ramp.

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2026

Corrected on 6/18/2026

.13(2)(a) - Previous citation corrected in that no hazards were observed on the playground.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/28/2026

Corrected on 6/18/2026

.11(1)(j) - Previous citation corrected in that warm running water was observed in the bathroom.

Licensure

290-2-3-.05 Inspections & Investigations

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/24/2026

Corrected on 6/18/2026

.05(b) - The previous citation was corrected in that the Consultant was allowed entry on this visit.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2026

Corrected on 6/18/2026

.11(1)(n) - Previous citation corrected in that the animal was no longer on the premises.

Staff Records

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.07(8)(b) requires the Provider, a Provisional Employee or Employee with current evidence of successful completion of pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid must always be on the Home's premises whenever any Child is present. It was determined that a helper did not have evidence of successful completion of pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will ensure at least one currently pediatric CPR and First Aid trained Staff person is present on the Home's premises when children are present.

Correction Deadline: 6/27/2026

Recited on 6/18/2026