



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 4/19/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 1:50 PM **Departure:** 4:15 PM

**FR-0000250916**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
04/19/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/26/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/16/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

<b>Age Ranges</b>	<b>Children Present</b>	<b>Child For Pay</b>	<b>CAPS</b>	<b>Not for Pay</b>	<b>Provider Children</b>
Infant (0-11 mos)	0	0	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	3	3	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	5	0	0	0
Total Under 18 Years	4				
Children Present: 4		Total Children: 5			
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 2		Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1			

**Comments**

A Licensing study was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/19/2023

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](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.

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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**(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**

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

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Currently the provider is not caring for infants. The children mats were observed to be in good condition.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Date of Birth Missing -(08)(1), Parents Names Missing -(08)(1), Mom Home # Missing -(08)(1), Mom Work # Missing -(08)(1), Dad Work # Missing -(08)(1), Dad Home # Missing -(08)(1), Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (08)(1), Emergency Medical Authorization - (08)(3), Allergy/Medical Information - (08)(4), Release Person Information - (08)(10)

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Physician & Emergency Contact Information - (.08)(1), Emergency Medical Authorization - (.08)(3), Allergy/Medical Information - (.08)(4), Release Person Information - (.08)(10), Parents Names Missing - (.08)(1), Date of Birth Missing - (.08)(1), Mom Home # Missing - (.08)(1), Mom Work # Missing - (.08)(1), Dad Home # Missing - (.08)(1), Dad Work # Missing - (.08)(1), Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

**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 the Home did not have enrollment records for child #4 and #5.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Provider stated she has misplaced the children files and will obtain the missing information. The Home Provider will obtain the missing information and maintain the Children's records as required.

**Correction Deadline: 4/21/2023****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 the Home did not have the child's allergy information documented for child #4 and #5.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

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

**Correction Deadline: 4/20/2023****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(8)(a) - Discussed reviewing and updating the Home's policies to ensure they comply with Bright from the Start's current requirements. The consultant left resources with the Provider.

**Correction Deadline: 4/19/2023****290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.08(3) requires the Home to obtain Parental authorization at the time of a Child's enrollment for emergency medical care when the Parent is not available. It was determined based on a review of records that child #4 and #5 did not have the required parental authorization for emergency medical treatment on file.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will have authorization for emergency medical care completed by the Parent for Children enrolled.

**Correction Deadline: 4/19/2023****Facility****290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Met****Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

**Comment**

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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**290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(c) - Discussed replacing the one fence board that was broken on the side of the backyard.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

The Provider stated proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

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

**Comment**

Discussed diapering procedures.

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

**Comment**

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

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**Licensure**

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

**Correction Deadline: 7/26/2022**

**Corrected on 4/19/2023**

**.04(1)(d) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There were four children for pay present.**

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**Safety and Discipline**

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

**Comment**

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

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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**290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit** **Met**

**Comment**

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

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

**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

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**Staff Records**

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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<b>290-2-3-.07 First Aid &amp; CPR</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR.

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<b>290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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<b>290-2-3-.07 Staff Training</b>	<b>Not Met</b>
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**Finding**

290-2-3-.07(9) requires that every calendar year, after the first year of employment the Provider, and any Provisional Employees or and Employees, shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department- approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained in the Home by the Provider, as required by these rules. It was determined based on a review of records and discussion that the Provider did not complete the 10 hours of annual training for the year 2022.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Provider will complete ten hours of training for they year 2023 by December 31, 2023. The Home will obtain the required annual training for Staff and will keep certificates, cards, or other proof of training on file.

**Correction Deadline: 12/31/2023**

**Recited on 4/19/2023**

<b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b>
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<b>290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Correction Deadline: 8/5/2022**

**Corrected on 4/19/2023**

**.07(15) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Proper ratios were observed on this date.**

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<b>290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.