



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334**

Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 9/22/2022    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 11:45 AM

**Departure:** 1:20 PM

**FR-45952**

**Williams, Sonia L**

2509 Alabama Avenue Savannah, GA 31404 Chatham County  
(912) 695-1041 williamsonia846@yahoo.com

**Regional Consultant**

Stacey Foston

Phone: (706) 806-0407

Fax: (706) 806-0406

stacey.foston@dec.al.gov

**Mailing Address**

Same

**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.
09/22/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/14/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/09/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

**Ratios/License 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	2	2	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	0	0	0	1	0
School Age(5+) Years	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	2	2	0	1	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	2				

  

Children Present: 2	Total Children: 3
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1	Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/22/2022

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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



### 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.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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)

Sonia Williams, Program Official

Date

Stacey Foston, Consultant

Date



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334**

Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

**Findings Report**

**Date:** 9/22/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 11:45 AM

**Departure:** 1:20 PM

**FR-45952**

**Williams, Sonia L**

2509 Alabama Avenue Savannah, GA 31404 Chatham County  
(912) 695-1041 williamssonia846@yahoo.com

**Mailing Address**  
Same

**Regional Consultant**

Stacey Foston

Phone: (706) 806-0407

Fax: (706) 806-0406

stacey.foston@dec.al.ga.gov

The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

**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's mats were stored as required.

**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: 2**

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 2

Met

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

---

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

**Not Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/14/2022**

**Corrected on 9/22/2022**

**.08(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Children records were available for review.**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.08(2) requires the Home to maintain a file for each Child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations; enrollment in the Home may not continue for more than 30 days without such evidence. It was determined based on a review of records that the Provider did not have current immunization records for the two enrolled children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will ensure that a current immunization record affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child. The Provider will ensure the immunization records are documented on the Georgia Immunization Certificate (Form 3231).

**Correction Deadline: 10/22/2022**

**Recited on 9/22/2022**

<b>Facility</b>
-----------------

---

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/24/2022**

**Corrected on 9/22/2022**

**.11(2)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The Home's emergency preparedness plans were available for review**

**Comment**

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed 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)**

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - The Provider is not currently using the back yard for outdoor play. Several large tree limbs have fallen in the children play area. The Provider has contacted the property landlord about the tree removal and is awaiting a response. The Provider is currently using the the enclosed screened in front porch for the outdoor play time for the two enrolled children.

**Correction Deadline: 3/21/2022**

**Corrected on 9/22/2022**

**.13(2)(d) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.. The Provider has removed the nails from the fence around the children play area.**

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
---------------------------

---

**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**

The enrolled children are currently potty training. The changing area was observed to be in good condition.

---

**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 Discipline(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed.

---

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

**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

---

**Staff Records**

---

**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 Staff Qualifications(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

---

**290-2-3-.07 Staff Training** **Defer**

**Defer**

290-2-3-.07(9)-Annual training for the year 2021 was evaluated on March 14, 2022. Annual training for the year 2022 will be evaluated during the next visit in 2022.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Provider will complete the required ten hours of training for by December 31, 2022.

**Correction Deadline: 12/31/2022**

---

**Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**

---

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

**Comment**

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.