



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 3/2/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 1:35 PM **Departure:** 3:45 PM

**FR-9105100656**

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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.
03/02/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/04/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/21/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

**Ratios/License Capacity**

<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>
<b>Infant (0-11 mos)</b>	1	1	0	0	0
<b>1 &amp; 2 Years</b>	1	2	0	0	0
<b>3 &amp; 4 Years</b>	3	3	0	0	0
<b>School Age(5+) Years</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 13 Years</b>	5	6	0	0	0
<b>Total Under 18 Years</b>	5				
Children Present: 6 Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1					
Total Children: 6 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1					

**Comments**

3/2/23-A Licensing Study was conducted on this date. The visit report could not be completed due to technical issues.  
3/8/23- A copy of this report was emailed to the Provider.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/02/2023

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) 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)

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.08(1) - Discussed using the updated Bright from the Start Children enrollment form. The Provider had the older form which did not have a space for the authorized release person(s) relationship of the child. The consultant left a copy of the new form with the provider.

**Correction Deadline: 3/2/2023****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 child #3 did not have evidence of current immunization records on file.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child. The provider obtained the vaccination records and emailed verification to the consultant.

**Correction Deadline: 3/10/2023****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(8)(b) - 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: 3/2/2023**

<b>Facility</b>
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<b>290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**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.

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

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

<b>290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

The outside area appears clean.

**Correction Deadline: 8/4/2022****Corrected on 3/2/2023**

.13(2)(d) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The children were cared for inside the secured licensed premises during the visit.

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

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

<b>290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas &amp; Practices(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

<b>290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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**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. There were five children for pay present..

## Safety and Discipline

### 290-2-3-.11 Animals

N/A

#### Comment

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

### 290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

### 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 First Aid & CPR

Met

#### Comment

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

### 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 for the year 2022.

## Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Met

#### Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

### 290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

