



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 12/12/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 8:20 AM

**Departure:** 10:00 AM

**FR-17737**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 12/12/2022                         | Monitoring Visit | Support       |  |
| 06/08/2022                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |  |
| 11/30/2021                         | 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                | 1             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 1 & 2 Years  | 1                | 1             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 3 & 4 Years  | 0                | 3             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| School Age(5+) Years   | 0                | 4             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| Total Under 13 Years   | 1                | 9             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| Total Under 18 Years   | 1                |               |      |             |                   |
| Children Present: 1 Total Children: 9<br>Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1 |                  |               |      |             |                   |

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and to follow up on the previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 12/28/2022

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/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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Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

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.

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2022

Corrected on 12/12/2022

.19(2)(c) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the Provider stated that infants slept only in a safety approved crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

There is no pool on the property

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/8/2022

Corrected on 12/12/2022

.08(1) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the Home had a current and updated record for each enrolled child which contained all required information on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2022

Corrected on 12/12/2022

.08(2) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the Home maintained a file for each enrolled child that included current evidence of age-appropriate immunizations on this date.

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(c) requires that documentation of drills required by these rules shall be maintained in the Home. The Home shall conduct drills for fire, tornado, and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Home shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined, based on review of records, that the Home was lacking documentation of conducting emergency drills for January to November 2022 on this date.

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

**Recited on 12/12/2022**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) requires that poisons, medicines, cleaning agents and other hazardous materials be in locked areas or inaccessible to children. It was determined, based on observation, that a bottle of Microban 24 Hour Sanitizing Spray, a bottle of Degree Deodorant, a bottle of Aquaphor Healing Ointment Baby, tubes of diaper rash cream, bottles of medication and vitamin supplements, and a bottle of Eucerin Original Healing Lotion were observed accessible to children on low shelves and a table in the Home on this date.

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**Correction Deadline: 12/13/2022**

**Recited on 12/12/2022**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

**Finding**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) requires that outdoor play areas be kept clean and free of hazards such as exposed sharp corners of concrete or equipment, rust and splinters on equipment, broken glass, open drainage ditches, holes and stagnant water. It was determined, based on observation, that trash was present in the back right corner of the outside play area. It was further determined that the roof on the wooden playhouse had unsecured and broken wooden slats. It was further determined that standing water was present on the yellow slide on this date.

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**Correction Deadline: 12/13/2022**

**Recited on 12/12/2022**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.13(2)(b) requires that climbing and swinging equipment that are not portable be securely anchored to eliminate accidents or injuries. It was determined, based on observation, that the yellow slide was missing a bolt and not secured to the structure.

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**Correction Deadline: 12/30/2022**

**Recited on 12/12/2022**

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| <b>Health and Hygiene</b> |
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**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(f) requires diapers to be changed in the Child's own crib or on a nonporous surface which is cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single use disposable towel after each diaper change. It was determined, based on observation, that the diaper changing pad was observed not to be smooth which prevented the surface from being thoroughly cleaned and disinfected on this date.

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**Correction Deadline: 12/30/2022**

**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. The Provider was observed to provide care for one unrelated child for pay on this date.

**Safety and Discipline**

**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 Staff Qualifications(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed staff qualifications and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

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

**Defer**

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290-2-3-.07(9) - The citation was deferred and will be evaluated at the next regulatory visit due to annual training for 2022 being due December 31, 2022.

**Correction Deadline: 12/31/2021**

**Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**

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

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children.