



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/12/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:45 AM **Departure:** 1:45 PM

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
05/12/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/26/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/22/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

Ratio Capacity					
Age Ranges	Children Present	Child For Pay	CAPS	Not for Pay	Provider Children
Infant (0-11 mos)	2	2	0	0	0
1 & 2 Years	4	5	0	0	0
3 & 4 Years	3	1	0	2	0
School Age(5+) Years	1	1	0	0	0
Total Under 13 Years	10	9	0	2	0
Total Under 18 Years	10				
Children Present: 10 Total Children: 11					
Caregivers/Helpers Present: 4 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 3					
More than 6 for pay					
6 for pay present & no-pay present does not have a notarized no-pay statement					

Comments

The consultant discussed supervision requirements for 36-month-olds and younger.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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 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:

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 CAPS/ QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward an initial star rating. Provisional Status eligibility will be determined at the time of CAPS enrollment as part of the CAPS application process.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or 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

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2000

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

290-2-3-.09 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.09(5) - Please ensure that children less than three (3) years of age shall not spend more than one-half (1/2) hour of time consecutively in confining equipment, such as swings, highchairs, jumpseats, carriers or walkers.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2025

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/30/2024

Corrected on 5/12/2025

.12(8) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The table has been lowered and age appropriate chairs were present on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Records Reviewed: 4**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Date of Hire: 02/01/2000

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

Records Reviewed: 11**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5**

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 8

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

Child # 9

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Immunization Form - (.08)(2)

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records**Not Met****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 review of records that five out of eleven enrolled children did not have current immunization records/signed affidavits on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that an immunization record/signed affidavit is on file for each enrolled Child.

Correction Deadline: 6/12/2025

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Facility

Records Reviewed: 4**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2000

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

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 2025 documentation for emergency drills was not complete.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will develop and implement a plan and schedule for conducting the required drills, completing the documentation, keeping the documentation on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 6/11/2025

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)

Not Met

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 large wooden play structure is leaning severely to the left.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure that climbing and swinging equipment is securely anchored. The provider stated the structure will be taken down or repaired.

Correction Deadline: 6/12/2025

Health and Hygiene

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2000

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)

N/A

Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2000

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

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

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2000

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

290-2-3-.11 Animals

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(1)(n) - Please ensure that all animals are properly vaccinated and that unconfined animals are not allowed in child care areas.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2025

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

Met

Comment

The provider and/or the home's employee were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit

Met

Comment

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

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)

Met

Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2000

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)

Met

Comment

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Provider stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2000

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

Annual Training 10 Hours -.07(9)

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

Met

Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.07(17) - Please ensure staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2025