



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.state.ga.us/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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 New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us

Delores Lamar, Program Official

Date

Rachael Brown, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

Date: 6/23/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 2:40 PM **Departure:** 3:40 PM

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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 Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Currently the provider is not caring for infants.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.19(1)b)3 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ensure that a sheet is used on cots during rest time. Sheets should be laundered daily or marked for individual use, stored separately, and laundered weekly or as needed.

Correction Deadline: 6/23/2021

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

N/A

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No swimming activities provided. Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Facility

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(2)(a) - Ensure a written emergency preparedness plan is prepared and kept on file for emergencies outlined in the rules and regulations.

Correction Deadline: 7/3/2021

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR) Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing requirements were discussed with the Provider on this date. Liquid soap and paper towels were observed accessible in the restroom area.

290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) Not Evaluated

Comment

There are no diapered children currently enrolled in the program.

290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR) Not Evaluated

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures. Provider does not currently administer medication.

Licensure

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date. Consultant observed one unrelated child for pay.

Safety and Discipline

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation. Consultant discussed transportation rules and regulations for family providers.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations. Consultant discussed COVID-19 restrictions.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Adequate supervision observed on this date.