



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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov.

- 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://decal.ga.gov/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).

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Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov

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Date

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Findings Report

Date: 2/17/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 5:30 PM **Departure:** 6:30 PM

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.09 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Provider that outside time was required when weather was not inclement.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2021

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

Met

Comment

Sanitation of equipment and toys were discussed on this date.

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

Met

Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. A certified Pack-N-Play was observed on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date. A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

Met

Comment

The Home appears clean and free from hazards. A virtual visit was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

Playground not observed on this date due to inclement weather. and heavy rain throughout the entire week.

Food Service

290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director the new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish and bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2021**Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of one (1) year old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2021

290-2-3-.10 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Thermometers were observed to be present in the refrigerator and freezer on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2021**Health and Hygiene**

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

Staff state proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures. A virtual visit was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Comment**

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Staff stated proper knowledge of diaper changes. A virtual visit was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)**Met****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 stated there were five children enrolled in the program.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals**Met****Comment**

The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises. A virtual visit was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. A virtual visit was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Provider that the program was required to have a first aid kit which contained: scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, thermometer, adhesive tape, band-aids, insect - sting preparation, antiseptic cleaning solution, antibacterial ointment, bandages, disposable rubber gloves, protective eyewear, facemask, and cold pack. The first aid kit, together with a first aid instruction manual which must be kept with the kit at all times, shall be stored in a central location so that it is not accessible to Children but is easily accessible to the Provider and Staff. The Home must also maintain written directions for the use of universal precautions for handling blood and bodily fluids. The directions on the use of universal precautions must be kept with the first aid kit at all times.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2021

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. The Consultant discussed with the Provider that three Criminal Record Checks were due to expire in 2021, and to renew as required .

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Provider that a person with valid First Aid and CPR was required to be present with children at all times.

290-2-3-.07 Provider Qualifications**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Provider that orientation was required for all staff members and provided the most recent orientation document from Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning.

Correction Deadline: 2/18/2021

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.

290-2-3-.07 Volunteers(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Provider that volunteers shall not be solely responsible for Children other than their own and must be under continuous direct supervision of the Provider or Home Employee with a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination while in the presence of Children other than their own.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2021

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. A virtual visit was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed the new revision to the supervision rule which states: 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: 2/17/2021