



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



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 for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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)

Rosanna Antwi, Program Official

Date

Linda A. Barge, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

Date: 4/29/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:30 PM **Departure:** 2:00 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 monitoring visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. During the virtual walk thru a variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

Met

Comment

A virtual Monitoring Visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. During the virtual walk thru SIDS and infant sleeping position was discussed.

Comment

A virtual monitoring visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. During the virtual walk thru the children were observed napping. The environment and atmosphere was pleasant.

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

Met

Comment

A virtual monitoring visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. During the virtual walk thru the provider stated that the home does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

A virtual monitoring visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. During the virtual walk thru of home, observed complete emergency drills

Comment

A virtual monitoring visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. During the virtual walk thru an operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

Comment

A virtual monitoring visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. During the virtual walk thru an operable smoke detector was observed as required in the home this date.

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

Met

Comment

A virtual Monitoring Visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. During the virtual walk thru the home appeared clean and free from hazards.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/26/2021

Corrected on 4/29/2022

.13(2)(a) - It was determined based upon a virtual walk thru of the playground and discussion with the provider that the outside playground is under construction. The provider stated that the large fenced in porch is being used for the playground temporarily. The regular playground will be checked on the next visit. The area that is being used on the large porch did not have any brush growing along the fence.

Correction Deadline: 11/26/2021

Corrected on 4/29/2022

.13(2)(c) -It was determined based upon a virtual walk thru and discussion with the provider that the playground is under construction and is not being used at this time. The provider stated that the large fenced in porch is being used as a playground. The large porch did not have any climbing or swinging equipment requiring a resilient surface. The playground will be checked on the next visit to determine if there is adequate resilient surface for swinging and climbing equipment requiring a resilient surface.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

A virtual monitoring visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. During the virtual walk thru the children were napping. The provider stated appropriate hand washing and hygiene procedures.

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

Met

Comment

A virtual monitoring visit was conducted on this date. During the virtual walk thru the diapering area was observed. The provider stated proper diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

A virtual monitoring visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. During the virtual walk thru the provider stated that medication is not currently dispensed.

Licensure

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

Met

Comment

A virtual monitoring visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. During the virtual walk thru appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

Safety and Discipline

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

A virtual monitoring visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. During the virtual walk thru the children were napping. The provider stated that Redirection is used with the children.

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

A virtual monitoring visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. During the virtual walk thru the provider stated that no routine transportation is provided.

Staff Records

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

A virtual monitoring visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. A review of Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

SA virtual monitoring visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. Provider observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2021

Corrected on 4/29/2022

.07(9) - It was determined based upon a review of records that the provider had evidence of completing 12 hours of annual training for the year 2021. This citation has been corrected and is being maintained.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

A virtual monitoring visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. During the virtual walk thru appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

A virtual monitoring visit was conducted on this date due to Covid-19 Pandemic. During the virtual walk thru adequate supervision observed on this date.