


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).

	Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before January 1, 2017 . For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com . You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.
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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.al.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://dec.al.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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.	
Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: https://qualityrated.dec.al.ga.gov/ 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.al.ga.gov	

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Findings Report

Date: 3/12/2018 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 1:30 PM **Departure:** 4:00 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

Please ensure children less than three (3) years of age do not spend more than one-half (1/2) hour of time consecutively in confining equipment, such as swings, highchairs, jumpseats, carriers or walkers. Children shall use such equipment only when they are awake.

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2018

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)

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2017

Corrected on 3/12/2018

.19(1)(a)2 - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2017

Corrected on 3/12/2018

.19(1)(a)3 - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Finding

290-2-3-.19(2) requires that a Family Child Care Learning Home shall provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants and one-year-old children when placed for sleep in a safety approved crib or in any other type of equipment approved for infant sleep. Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back unless the Parent has provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back, but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred positions and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant, however swaddling shall not be used unless the Home has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant such as but not limited to crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on the consultants observation that a one year old child was observed asleep in a crib with a blanket and pillow.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will ensure that safe sleep requirements for infants are followed as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2018

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

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2017

Corrected on 3/12/2018

.11(2)(h) - This citation was observed to be corrected on 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) Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the gate leading off of the deck is secure and is free from gaps.

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2018

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete. The provider is not currently dispensing medications.

Licensure

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

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

Safety and Discipline

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

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

Comment

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date.

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

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit**Met****Comment**

Complete 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

290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.21(1)(a) requires the Home to ensure that the Provider, every actual and potential Employee and Provisional Employee has a Satisfactory Records Check Determination before the individual is present at the Home while any child is present at the Home. It was determined based on review of records that the providers daughter, who turned seventeen on February 16th, 2018 resides in the home and did not have a fingerprint determination completed. A one day letter was left for the staff to obtain the fingerprint.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain the required satisfactory records check determination(s). The Home will ensure that the Provider, every actual and potential Employee and Provisional Employee has a Satisfactory Records Check Determination. The Provider, Employees, and Provisional Employees MUST have a Satisfactory Records Check Determination to reside in and be at the Home when a child is present for care.

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2018

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2018

Corrected on 3/12/2018

.21(1)(e) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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 Met

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2017

Corrected on 3/12/2018

This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR) Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.07(11) requires the Home to ensure that the total number of Children unrelated to the Provider in the Family Child Care Learning Home, for pay or not for pay, cannot exceed six children, except during two designated hours approved by the Department. It was determined based on the consultants observation that eight children were in care for pay.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will reduce the number of unrelated children, both for pay and not for pay, so that the total number of unrelated children in care does not exceed the number of children as specified in these rules.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2018

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

Technical Assistance

Please ensure you remain on the same level as the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2018