



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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

Jacqueline Blalock, Program Official

Date

April Brown, Consultant

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Findings Report

Date: 1/17/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:45 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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date.

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position; however, there were no infants enrolled on this date.

290-2-3-.07 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR) **N/A**

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities at this time. No pool on property on this date.

Facility

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

Comment

Consultant discussed the new written emergency plan with the provider on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/27/2019

Technical Assistance

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. Consultant discussed placing a safety latch / lock on the kitchen closet door in the event children are present in the kitchen area.

Comment

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home on this date.

Comment

Operable smoke detectors were observed as required in the home on this date.

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

Comment

The Home appears clean and free from hazards on this date.

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

Comment

The outside area appears clean and well maintained on this date.

Food Service

290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition **Met**

Comment

Consultant discussed the new USDA guidelines with the provider on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures with the provider on this date. One child in care has a prescription on file but has not been administered any medication since 2017 as the medication is as needed.

Licensure

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

Comment

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date. A current 2019 license was posted in the home on this date.

Comment

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home on this date.

Safety and Discipline

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

Comment

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

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation at this time.

Staff Records

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 which was completed on August 30, 2018.

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete on this date.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2018

Corrected on 1/17/2019

Correction of citation in that the provider completed 10 hours of annual training for 2018 as required.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.