



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).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decal.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@decal.ga.gov

Jacqueline Blalock, Program Official

Date

April Brown, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

Date: 7/31/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:00 PM **Departure:** 1:30 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

Toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Care is not provided for any infant required to be in a crib at this time. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

N/A

Comment

There was no pool on the property on this date. Home does not provide swimming activities. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2019

Corrected on 7/31/2020

Correction of citation in that the provider completed a written emergency plan as required.

Comment

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Comment

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the 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 the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Comment

The outside area appears clean and well maintained. Consultant also discussed with the provider placing zip ties around the protective fencing barrier to ensure the barrier is hazard free. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements were discussed with the provider on this date.

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

Comment

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the provider on this date.

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

Comment

Per the provider no medication was currently dispensed at this time. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Licensure

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

Comment

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Safety and Discipline

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the provider on this date.

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

Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 October 8, 2019.

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on June 16, 2020.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

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

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

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