





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

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](mailto: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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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Date

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Date



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### Findings Report

**Date:** 9/7/2021      **VisitType:** Licensing Study      **Arrival:** 2:10 PM      **Departure:** 2:50 PM

**FR-51727**

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

### Activities and Equipment

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pleasant naptime environment observed. Discussed SIDS and infant safe sleep positions. Cribs and cots observed to be in good repair and sheets/blankets stated to be laundered appropriately.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 6**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

Child # 6

Met

**290-2-3-.08 Children's Records**

**Technical Assistance**

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290-2-3-.08(1) - Ensure complete Doctor's information is obtained for all enrolled children.

**Correction Deadline: 9/7/2021**

**290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

**Facility**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Home observed complete emergency drills

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No hazards observed accessible to children on this date. During the virtual walk through an operable fire extinguisher and smoke detectors were observed.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

**Food Service**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through food storage was observed. Food was observed to be stored on shelving, separately from cleaning products. Menu meets USDA requirements.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements were discussed with the Provider on this date. Liquid soap and paper towels were observed accessible in the restroom area.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Provider on this date. During the virtual walk through the diapering area was observed and the provider displayed proper knowledge of the rules and regulations.

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

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

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

A Virtual Visit Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date. Consultant observed six, unrelated children for pay on this date.

**Safety and Discipline****290-2-3-.11 Animals****Met****Comment**

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date.

**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. Redirection and discussion stated to be used in the home.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

**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

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

**290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR****Met****Comment**

Please be mindful of training expiration dates and renew certification in a timely manner.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

Annual training requirement and documentation observed.

<b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b>
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**290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)****Met****Comment**

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

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

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