





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

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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.

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#### 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](mailto: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.

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**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:

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JOY SORROWS, Program Official

Date

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Tamra Thomas, Consultant

Date



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### Findings Report

**Date:** 8/21/2019 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:45 AM **Departure:** 12:45 PM

**FR-51741**

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

### Activities and Equipment

#### 290-2-3-.09 Activities

Met

**Comment**

290-2-3-.09(1) The consultant observed the provider had a variety of materials for various ages and developmental levels. The provider had a daily schedule and lesson plan posted with indoor and outdoor play; a balance of quiet and active periods; a balance of supervised free choice and caregiver-directed activities; individual, small group, and large group activities; large muscle activities; small muscle activities; language experiences; arts and crafts; dramatic play; rhythm and music; and nature and science experiences.

**Correction Deadline: 8/21/2019**

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

Met

**Comment**

290-2-3-.12(5) The consultant observed the home to be free of hazardous conditions. The provider has soft edges added to the fireplace located in the room used for the daycare.

**Correction Deadline: 8/21/2019**

**Comment**

290-2-3-.12(7) The consultant observed a flat screen TV to be secured on this date. The consultant discussed with the provider to monitor all furniture and equipment of weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over to ensure it is secured.

**Correction Deadline: 8/21/2019**

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

Met

**Comment**

The provider was not caring for infants on this date. The provider has an approved pack n'play that meets DECAL crib requirements.

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

Met

**Comment**

The home does not provide swimming activities, and there is no pool on the premises. The consultant discussed with the provider to contact the regional consultant before future swimming activities are provided to review DECAL swimming rules and regulations.

## Children's Records

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

Met

#### Comment

The provider had four (4) children enrolled who are not related and not for pay on this date, two not related for pay enrolled and one related not for pay child living in the home this date. The children's records were observed to be complete and well organized. No children were present during the visit on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

## Facility

### 290-2-3-.08 Physical Plant - Safe Environment

Met

#### Comment

290-2-3-.08(15) The consultant obtained documents for the county water, and septic tank letter and proof of servicing.

**Correction Deadline: 8/21/2019**

### 290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant - Safe Environment

Met

#### Comment

290-2-3-.13(1)(h) The consultant obtained septic tank local health department letter and proof of septic system servicing and county water proof.

**Correction Deadline: 9/20/2019**

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

Met

#### Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

#### Comment

The consultant observed operable smoke detector(s) in the home this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

290-2-3-.13(1) The consultant observed the home to be free of hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 8/21/2019**

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

Met

#### Comment

The outside area appears clean and well maintained. The provider is using the screened back patio for the outdoor play area on this date. The provider stated, a four foot chain link fence will be added to the front right side yard to create a separate outdoor play area in the near future.

## Food Service

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

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk  
5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk  
2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

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**290-2-3-.10 Kitchen Operations****Met****Comment**

290-2-3-.10(13) The consultant observed the kitchen area was clean and free of accumulated dust, dirt, food particles and grease deposits.

**Correction Deadline: 8/31/2019**

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the provider on this date.

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

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures. No children were being served on this date.

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

The consultant discussed with the provider DECAL medication documentation and procedures. The provider stated only prescribed medication will be dispensed, if needed during daycare hours.

<b>Licensure</b>
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**290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

The provider is limited to no more than five (5) children capacity per Zoning and Fire Marshal, which does not include related children in care. The consultant confirmed with Zoning that children who are not related to the provider, and not for pay will be included in the five (5) capacity. The provider was not caring for children on this date.

<b>Safety and Discipline</b>
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**290-2-3-.11 Animals****Not Met****Comment**

The consultant observed appropriate vaccination records were available on this date for an English Bulldog, Shih Tzu dog and a Calico Cat, which the provider stated are kept caged in a back bedroom when children are present.

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(o) requires the home control pets and other animals to maintain proper sanitation and ensure animals are not a hazard to anyone. No animal that may be vicious is permitted on the premises while children are present. Farm animals cannot be housed within 500 feet of the home. It was determined based on observation, the provider had two goats and six chickens housed 200 feet from the enclosed outdoor play area used by children in care.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The home provider will ensure any farm animals on the property, must be housed 500 feet away from the home. The provider submitted a variance application regarding keeping the farm animals housed within 250 feet of the home and additional fencing will be added.

**Correction Deadline: 8/30/2019**

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. The consultant discussed with the provider DECAL discipline policy and the provider stated redirection is used.

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

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home.

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

The provider stated routine transportation is not provided.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete for the provider and the other required residents of the home.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations. The provider submitted a copy of the business license on August 28, 2019.

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. The consultant discussed ratios with the provider on this date.

**Comment**

The consultant did not observe any children to be present on this date. The consultant discussed with the provider DECAL supervision rules and regulations.