



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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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)



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Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

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Findings Report

Date: 3/4/2020 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:15 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured.

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. One (1) pack 'n play present meeting American Standards Testing Materials (ASTM) standards as it states safe for sleep.

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

Comment

There is no pool on the property. Consultant discussed if/when the provider takes the children to an off-site swimming pool, ratios and lifeguard requirements are to be met.

Facility

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

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) - Consultant discussed adding safety locks to the lower cabinets in the kitchen so that it is inaccessible to children when they go to the restroom and to the playground.

Comment

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

Comment

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home 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)**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) requires that outside play areas be protected from traffic or other hazards by fencing or other barriers at least four feet in height and approved by the Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children. A fence shall be provided around swimming pools to make them inaccessible when not in use. It was determined based on observation that the back of the fence measured three (3) feet and six (6) inches when four (4) feet is required. Further consultant observed twenty (20) bolts protruding more than two threads facing inside of the playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will reach out to the landlord to raise the fence to four (4) feet and turn the bolts to face the outside of the playground.

Correction Deadline: 3/27/2020

Food Service

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

290-2-3-.10(4) - Consultant discussed with the Provider that when providing care for infants, their bottles must come already made.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2020

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed. Consultant discussed documentation if/when the provider will dispense medication.

Licensure

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

Permission to Operate issued on this date. The overall capacity may not exceed six (6) children.

Safety and Discipline

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

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

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(e) requires the Home and any vehicle used for transportation Children to have a first aid kit which at least contains: scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, thermometer, adhesive tape, band-aids, insect - sting preparation, antiseptic cleaning solution, antibacterial ointment, bandages, disposable rubber gloves, protective eyewear, facemask, and cold pack. The first aid kit, together with a first aid instruction manual which must be kept with the kit at all times, shall be stored in a central location so that it is not accessible to Children but is easily accessible to the Provider and Staff. The Home must also maintain written directions for the use of universal precautions for handling blood and bodily fluids. The directions on the use of universal precautions must be kept with the first aid kit at all times. It was determined based on observation that the first aid kit was missing the following items: gauze pads, thermometer, adhesive tape, assorted size band-aids, insect-sting preparation, antiseptic cleaning solution, antibacterial ointment, protective eyewear, and a facemask. Further consultant discussed prior to incorporating transportation that a complete first aide kit must be kept in the vehicle as well.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will purchase the missing items and keep them in the kit.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2020

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the Provider decides to incorporate transportation. The Provider will contact their regional consultant and have a complete first aid kit and required documents in the vehicle prior to transporting children.

Staff Records

290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. Two (2) of two (2) records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file for the provider and all residents living in the home seventeen (17) years and older.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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.