



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)



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

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Date

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Date



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Findings Report

Date: 8/19/2020 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 2:00 PM **Departure:** 3:00 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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Provider does not provide care for infants. During the virtual walk through the correct number of mats were observed in the home along with sheets and blankets. Proper disinfecting was discussed with the Provider.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through there was no pool observed on the property. Per the provider no swimming activities were provided.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

290-2-3-.08(8)(b) - The Provider stated the home does not have firearms.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2020

Facility

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through storage of cleaning supplies and possible hazards were discussed. There were no hazards observed to be accessible to the children this date.

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through a working fire extinguisher and smoke detector was observed.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the Home appeared to be clean and free from hazards.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the playground area was observed and appeared to be in good repair.

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

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed during a virtual walk through on this date. There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the Provider on this date.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through proper diapering table and surface was observed. The Consultant discussed hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering with the Provider on this date. Liquid soap and paper towels were observed accessible in the restroom area.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the Provider, medication is not dispensed.

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

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Appropriate ratios was discussed with the Provider on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2020

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| Safety and Discipline |
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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)**Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the provider, no routine transportation is provided.

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| Staff Records |
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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.

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 May 12, 2020. Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision |
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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. During the virtual walk through adequate supervision and appropriate ratio was discussed with the Provider.

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

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