



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:

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Findings Report

Date: 2/10/2021 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 2:00 PM **Departure:** 4:00 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. Additional cleaning and disinfecting requirements for equipment due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. Equipment and furniture observed to be free of hazards and 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. During the virtual walk through SIDS and infant sleeping position was discussed. The cribs present in the home appeared to meet CPSC standards.

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2021

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

N/A

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 on or off site.

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 a working fire extinguisher and smoke detector was observed. The provider stated that there were no flammable liquids or firearms present in the home.

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. The home appeared clean and in good repair.

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 free of hazards this date. Storage of cleaning supplies and materials and supplies was discussed.

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) requires that outdoor play areas be kept clean and free of hazards such as exposed sharp corners of concrete or equipment, rust and splinters on equipment, broken glass, open drainage ditches, holes and stagnant water. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was determined based on observations during the virtual walk through that there was a drop off from the cement patio to the ground, presenting a tripping hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will repair any and all identified outdoor hazards and will monitor playground daily or more often as needed to ensure that the Home's outdoor play area is kept clean and free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2021**Finding**

290-2-3-.13(2)(c) requires that climbing and swinging equipment that are not portable have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment, which is adequately maintained by the Home to assure continuing resiliency. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was determined based on observations and based on the provider's measurements during the virtual walk through that the fall zones for the swing and climbing unit were not adequate. The provider stated that the swing chain measured 3 feet 10 inches, therefore the fall zones in front and back of swings should be 10 feet 10 inches. According to the provider's measurements, there was only 6 feet of fall zone in back of the swings and 7 feet of fall zone in front of the swings. In addition, based on consultant's observations during the virtual walk through, there was a rock wall and slide to one side of the swings that would not allow for proper fall zones to the side of the right swing or of the rock wall and slide.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure that there is an adequate resilient surface under and in the fall zone of climbing and swinging equipment. Discussed either removing the climber/swingset altogether, removing the swings or removing the rock wall and slide, and extending the fall zones in front and back of the swings so that the appropriate amount of fall zone required is present in all required areas. The Home will inspect equipment and resilient surfacing material regularly and repair or replenish as needed.

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2021**Comment**

Based on observations during the virtual visit, there was no pool located on the property and the provider stated there will be no swimming activities provided.

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 disinfecting 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)**Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Licensure

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date. Due to City of Savannah ordinance, the FCCLH is limited to 6 children, not including the Provider's own children living in the home. No children were present during the virtual visit.

Safety and Discipline

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Provider on this date. No children were present during the virtual visit.

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

The provider stated she does not plan to provide routine transportation or field trips.

Staff Records

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

A satisfactory comprehensive background check letter was on file for the Provider. Discussed that any helpers or other adults must have a satisfactory comprehensive check prior to being present in the home.

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

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020. The Provider will send a copy of her City of Savannah business license to the consultant by March 3, 2021.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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 appropriate ratios were discussed. No children were present during the virtual visit.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through appropriate supervision requirements were discussed. No children were present during the virtual visit.