



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.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

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.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://dec.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.dec.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@dec.ga.gov

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Findings Report

Date: 8/12/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:15 PM **Departure:** 2:15 PM

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

Comment

Discussed with the provider the cleaning and disinfecting of soft toys and pillows.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.12(7) - There were no children present on the day of the visit. Discussed with the provider to ensure that the three step ladder stored by the diapering table is secured in a way that would not allow tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. Additionally, consultant discussed that the outdoor canopy swing seat placed on the playground is secured to the ground on both sides.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2021

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.19(1)(a)3 - There were no children present on the day of the visit. Consultant discussed with the provider that the Pack and Plays used for sleeping and resting need to have tight-fitting sheet which are changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2021

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

There is no pool on the property

Children's Records

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

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children in every area of the home that the children have access to.

Comment

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

Comment

Operable smoke detectors were observed as required in the home this date.

Comment

The provider reported that there were firearms in the home and that they were secured and kept locked.

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)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazards: - Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and toys. Potential entrapment hazards in the fence surrounding the playground area. Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e. ants, bees, etc.). Loose and/or weak tree branches surrounding the playground area. Standing water in and around playground equipment after inclement weather.

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) - Discussed with the provider to ensure that the protruding bolts on the fence gate are cut down to the second thread and filed, or capped.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2021

Comment

There is no pool on the property

Food Service

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

Comment

Discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

Health and Hygiene

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

There were no children present 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
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Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Per the provider no medication was dispensed since the last visit and on this date.

Licensure

290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 2/18/2021

Corrected on 8/12/2021

.04(1)(d) - Previous citation corrected on this date as provider stated proper knowledge and consultant observed sign in and out sheets for no more than six (6) children for the last two weeks.

Comment

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

Safety and Discipline

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Appropriate discipline practices discussed.

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

The provider does not provide 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

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

Comment

Discussed staff qualifications and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

Discussed with the Provider that anyone with direct care responsibilities of the children needs to have the following training in addition to the Initial Orientation :

- * Current CPR/First aid.
- * Health and Safety Orientation
- * Annual ten (10) hours training.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2021

Corrected on 8/12/2021

.07(15) - Previous citation corrected on this date as provider stated proper knowledge.

Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Appropriate ratios discussed.

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

Comment

Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.

Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Supervision discussed.