



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



Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

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)

Melissa Boddie, Program Official

Date

Angela Byrd, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

Date: 5/9/2022 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 12:30 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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please ensure the cords on the television cords are inaccessible for the children in care.

Correction Deadline: 5/9/2022

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured.

Correction Deadline: 5/9/2022

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Consultant observed a Graco pack and play that will be used for infant sleeping. Infant safe sleep was discussed with the provider on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/9/2022

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Home does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On this date, Provider stated there are no firearms stored in the home.

Correction Deadline: 5/9/2022

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home this date.

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On this date, Provider stated there are no flammable liquids, such as gasoline or kerosene stored inside the home.

Correction Deadline: 5/9/2022

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Home appears clean and free from hazards on this date.

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On this date, consultant observed a four (4) foot temporary fencing used for the playground area.

Correction Deadline: 5/9/2022

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. Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed.

Licensure

290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR) Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.04 (1)(a) prohibits the operation of a Family Child Care Learning Home without a valid license. It was determined based on consultant's observation the Family Child Care Learning Home was caring for five (5) children for pay on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider/home will cease operation until such time a valid License is secured.

Correction Deadline: 5/9/2022

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

Finding

290-2-3-.04(2)(f) requires the Family Child Care Learning Home to comply with restrictions regarding care, services, number and/or age of Children as noted on the License. It was determined that the provider failed to submit business license within the 30 days of being licensed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Care as noted will be discontinued; the Home will comply with the restrictions of the License.

Correction Deadline: 5/9/2022

Safety and Discipline

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Criminal records checks were observed to be complete for the provider and helper on this date.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children.