





Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) 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.dec.state.ga.us/> 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](http://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)

Violet Lewis, Program Official

Date

Kedirile Knott, Consultant

Date



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**Findings Report**

**Date:** 7/20/2022 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 1:15 PM **Departure:** 2:00 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 variety of equipment and toys were observed.

**Comment**

Toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Care is not provided for any infant required to be in a crib. Cribs were evaluated on this date. The correct number of cots/mats, sheets, and cover were observed on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

There is no pool on the property

**Children's Records**

**Records Reviewed: 1**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 1

Met

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Consultant discussed with the Provider ensuring that children's records are completed with no blanks and are kept organized.

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**290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)****Met****Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date). Consultant discussed with the Provider ensuring that all parental authorizations are obtained and kept in the children's files.

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**Facility**

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

**Comment**

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

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**290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant observed what appears to be mold on the bathroom ceiling. Consultant advised Provider to contact her Environmental Health Department to determine if that is mold in the ceiling.

**Comment**

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

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**Food Service**

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

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements:

- 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk.
- 5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk.
- 2 of 5 Components for snack.

**Comment**

Consultant discussed with the Provider 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. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut, or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the Provider on this date.

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

**Comment**

There are no diapered children currently enrolled in the program.

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

**Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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**Licensure**

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

**Comment**

Permission to Operate was issued on this date. The overall licensed capacity is six (6) children at any given time.

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**Safety and Discipline**

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**290-2-3-.11 Animals** **Met**

**Comment**

The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises. Consultant observed a stray cat on the premises. Consultant discussed with the Provider ensuring that the children do not play with the stray cat as there are no records of vaccinations.

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

**Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date). Consultant discussed appropriate discipline and guidance techniques with the Provider.

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**290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit** **Met**

**Comment**

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home

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

**Comment**

The Provider does not provide routine transportation.

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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. Four Criminal Records Checks were submitted to the Department, one for the Provider, one for the Provider's spouse, one for the Provider's adult daughter, and one for the Provider's adult son. All the records were observed to have Comprehensive Satisfactory Criminal Background Check Determination Letters.

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**290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR** **Met**

**Comment**

Evidence observed that the Provider was certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff Training** **Met**

**Comment**

Pre-Service training requirement and documentation observed.

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**Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**

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

**Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date). Consultant discussed ratios with the Provider on this date.

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

**Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date). Consultant discussed direct supervision with the Provider on this date.