





Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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), 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)



**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!**

Jobreia Hymon, Program Official

Date

Stacey Foston, Consultant

Date



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**(Findings Report)**

**Date:** 5/17/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 1:35 PM

**Departure:** 4:00 PM

**FR-53719**

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

**Activities and Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 12/7/2022**

**Corrected on 5/17/2023**

.12(5) - The previous citation has been corrected. The previously cited playground equipment has been removed.

**Correction Deadline: 12/7/2022**

**Corrected on 5/17/2023**

.12(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The television was removed from the dresser.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 12/30/2022**

**Corrected on 5/17/2023**

.08(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Observed current immunization forms for the previously cited child.

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

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

**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)** **Met****Correction Deadline: 12/10/2022****Corrected on 5/17/2023**

.13(2)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The playground hazards have been fixed.

**Correction Deadline: 12/10/2022****Corrected on 5/17/2023**

.13(2)(d) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The gate has been repaired.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the Home.

**290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)** **N/A****Comment**

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

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

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

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

290-2-3-.04(1)(d) requires a person that provides care for more than six children for pay, related or unrelated, as defined in these rules, shall make application to the Department for a license to operate a Child Care Learning Center, except as provided in 290-2-3-.07(15). It was determined based on a review of records that there were seven children for pay present.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Provider will reduce the number of children for care to six per the local Zoning requirements.

**Correction Deadline: 5/22/2023****Safety and Discipline**

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

The majority of children were taking a nap during the visit. Pleasant interactions observed between the provider children awake during the visit.

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

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<b>Staff Records</b>
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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.

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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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<b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b>
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**290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.07(15) requires the Home to ensure that the total number of Children not Related to the Provider in the Family Child Care Learning Home, for pay or not for pay, cannot exceed six Children, except that a Provider may care for two additional children who are three years of age or older for two designated one hour periods daily upon approval approved by the Department. It was determined based on a review of records that there were seven children unrelated to the Provider present.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Provider will reduce the number of children for care to six per the local Zoning requirements.

**Correction Deadline: 5/22/2023**

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.