



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



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 for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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)

Jobreia Hymon, Program Official

Date

Stacey Foston, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

Date: 6/14/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:50 AM

Departure: 9:25 AM

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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

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

Currently the provider is not caring for infants. The children cots were stored as required.

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

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 near the diapering area.

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: 11/30/2021

Corrected on 6/14/2022

.13(2)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The Provider has added fencing and pavers to outdoor deck and no tripping hazards were observed.

Comment

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) - Please cut vines that are growing along the back fence.

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

The Provider stated proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

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

Met

Comment

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

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

Not Evaluated

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 present with no documentation to attest to their pay status.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Family Child Care Learning Home caring for more than six children shall reduce the number of children in care to six.

Correction Deadline: 6/14/2022

Safety and Discipline

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate redirection observed.

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

N/A

Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.21(1)(b) - Discussed rules pertaining to criminal records rules for volunteers. Volunteers that provide consistent services are considered either Employees or Provisional Employees for the purposes of the rules and must comply with the background check requirements as outlined in Rule 290-2-3-.21, Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks before being present at the Home while children are present for care or before residing in the Home

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

290-2-3-.07(27)-This citation is deferred pending documentation of the Provider's business Tax Certificate. Observed documentation that the Provider has received Zoning approval and is awaiting the Business Tax certificate to be mailed from he City of Savannah.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will contact the City of Savannah to obtain a Business Tax Certificate for this location.

Correction Deadline: 11/24/2021

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

Correction Deadline: 12/10/2021

Corrected on 6/14/2022

.07(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The Provider has completed the Health and Safety training.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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 seven children present without documentation to attest to the relationship to the Provider.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will obtain a notarized relationship affidavit for the required children. The Home will reduce the number of unrelated children, both for pay and not for pay, so that the total number of unrelated children in care does not exceed the number of children as specified in these rules.

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2022

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.
