





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 New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decal.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@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

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@decal.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decal.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://decal.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)

Jobreia Hymon, Program Official

Date

Stacey Foston, Consultant

Date



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### Findings Report

**Date:** 6/2/2021      **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit      **Arrival:** 1:55 PM      **Departure:** 2:30 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**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing of toys and equipment due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed during the virtual walk through on this date.

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through visit, the children were taking a nap. The children were observed to have sheets and blankets on their cots. A pack-n-play was observed for the one infant enrolled. Discussed proper storage of cots and bedding,

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

**Comment**

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. 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**

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

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**290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) requires that outdoor play areas be kept clean and free of hazards such as exposed sharp corners of concrete or equipment, rust and splinters on equipment, broken glass, open drainage ditches, holes and stagnant water. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was determined based on observations during the virtual walk through that there was a drop off from the cement patio to the ground, presenting a tripping hazard.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Discussed with the Provider about adding material around the edge of the concrete patio to minimize the space between the ground and the patio.

**Correction Deadline: 7/2/2021****Recited on 6/2/2021****Correction Deadline: 2/24/2021****Corrected on 6/2/2021**

.13(2)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be correct. The Provider has removed the swing set and rock wall.

<b>Food Service</b>
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**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.10(3) - 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.

**Correction Deadline: 6/2/2021****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.10(8) - 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.

**Correction Deadline: 6/2/2021**

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through on this date, handwashing supplies were observed at the sinks. Discussed hand washing requirements with the Provider.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through on this date, the diapering area was observed to be in good condition. Discussed diapering procedures with the Provider.

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

N/A

**Comment**

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

**Licensure**

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

Met

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

**Safety and Discipline**

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

Met

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Discipline policy and practices were discussed with the Provider.

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

N/A

**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

**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.

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

Met

**Comment**

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 1, 2021.

**Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**

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

Met

**Comment**

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

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

Met

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Adequate supervision was observed during the virtual walk through on this date.

**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.

