





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

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@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Date

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Date



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**(Findings Report)**

**Date:** 4/12/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:40 AM **Departure:** 10:40 AM

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

**Activities and Equipment**

**290-2-3-.09 Activities**

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.09(7) - Consultant discussed ensuring that the use of entertainment media shall be limited, is not used as the primary source of children's activities, and is used only in addition to other activities; for no more than two hours daily.

**Correction Deadline: 4/12/2023**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Care is not provided for any infant required to be in a crib

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.19(4) - Consultant discussed ensuring that bedding is stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding with the Provider.

**Correction Deadline: 4/12/2023**

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility**

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

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) - Consultant discussed ensuring that all medications are stored inaccessible to children with the Provider.

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

**Comment**

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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**290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)** **Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) - Consultant discussed ensuring that temporary fencing is used while outside. No children were observed to outside at the time of the visit.

**Correction Deadline: 4/12/2023**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(1)(j) - Consultant discussed ensuring that children are encouraged to wash their hands upon arrival for care and before and after all meals.

**Correction Deadline: 4/12/2023**

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

**Comment**

Observed appropriate non porous diaper changing surface.

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

**Comment**

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

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**Licensure**

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

**Comment**

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

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**Safety and Discipline**

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

**Comment**

The provider and/or the home's employee were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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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**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

## Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

**Comment**

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date. Consultant observed three children for pay and two children not for pay with the Provider on this date.

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

**Comment**

The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children.