





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

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.decal.ga.gov/> 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 user id 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 1 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

Natasha Collier, Program Official

Date

Yolanda Harris, Consultant

Date



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**(Findings Report)**

**Date:** 3/24/2023 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

**FR-58153**

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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)**

**Technical Assistance**

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Please ensure that you provide age appropriate toys in each of the learning areas.

**Correction Deadline: 3/24/2023**

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the provider to provide safety locks on all cabinets. The provider stated she will be purchasing them today.

**Correction Deadline: 3/24/2023**

**Comment**

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

**Comment**

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

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

**Met**

**Comment**

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Pack and play meet the safety requirements and safe for sleep. Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the provider during the inspection visit. Consultant observed the correct amount of cots/mats, sheets and covers on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

**Facility**

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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**Comment**

Provider does not have fire arms in the home.

**Correction Deadline: 3/24/2023**

**Comment**

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date. The provider have 3 fire extinguishers in the home.

**Comment**

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home this date.

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

The Home appears clean and free from hazards on this date.

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

The outside area appears clean and well maintained on this date.

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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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**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Provider on this date.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures on this date.

<b>Licensure</b>
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**290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Permission to Operate will be issued upon completion of the Exit Conference and signature pages are signed. The overall licensed capacity is six(6) children at any given time. Consultant discussed Business License requirement with the provider. The Provider has until April 24, 2023 to submit the Business License to the Consultant.

**Correction Deadline: 3/24/2023**

<b>Safety and Discipline</b>
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**290-2-3-.11 Animals****Met****Comment**

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged in a room upstairs.

**Comment**

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date.

The animals are kept upstairs at all times.

Diamond-Terrier X-(Black and white)

Seriyah-Husky X(Black and Brown)

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Consultant discussed appropriate discipline and guidance techniques with the provider.

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the provider decided to incorporate transportation.

The provider will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two(2) hour transportation training prior to transporting children.

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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)****Met****Comment**

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Consultant discussed ratios with the provider on this date.

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Consultant discussed direct supervision with the provider on this date.

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