



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us.

- 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://dec.state.ga.us/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)



Important New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us

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Date

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Findings Report

Date: 10/6/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 2:30 PM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that all immunizations are current.

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2020

Facility

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2020

Comment

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

Comment

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required 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. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

No immediate safety hazards were observed during the virtual walk through of the playground.

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2020

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

No children present at the time of the visit.

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

Met

Comment

Diapering and sanitizing requirements were discussed with the provider.

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2020

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

Met

Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

No children were present on the visit.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

Regulations regarding discipline were discussed with the provider.

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

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Provider stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed with the provider during the virtual walk through.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit.

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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