





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

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](mailto: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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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Date

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### Findings Report

**Date:** 6/26/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 12:15 PM

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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 variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

**Comment**

The provider does water activities with the children and also uses a wading pool at the home.

### Facility

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

**Correction Deadline: 12/14/2018**

**Corrected on 6/26/2019**

**.11(2)(c) - Correction of the previous citation, the provider had documentation of completing all required safety drills.**

**Comment**

An operable fire extinguisher, smoke detector and complete documentation of safety drills were observed on the date of the visit.

**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**

**Comment**

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

## Health and Hygiene

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

Met

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Met

**Comment**

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures.

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

Met

**Comment**

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

## Licensure

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

Met

**Comment**

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date. On the day of the visit the provider cared for 5 unrelated children for pay and 1 unrelated child for no pay.

## Safety and Discipline

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

Met

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Correction Deadline: 11/14/2018

Corrected on 6/26/2019

.21(1)(a) - Correction of the previous citation, all residents of the home have a comprehensive background check on file.

Correction Deadline: 11/14/2018

Corrected on 6/26/2019

.21(1)(c) - Correction of the previous citation, all residents of the home have a comprehensive background check on file.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2018

Corrected on 6/26/2019

.07(5) - Correction of the previous citation, the provider has current training in both first aid and CPR.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b>
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**290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.