





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), 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)



**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.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)

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Date

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Date



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### Findings Report

**Date:** 8/3/2020    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 8:30 AM    **Departure:** 9:30 AM

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

### Activities and Equipment

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

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to COVID-19 pandemic were discussed during the virtual walk through. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

**Correction Deadline: 7/31/2020**

**290-2-3-.19 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(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 during the next regulatory visit.

**Correction Deadline: 7/31/2020**

**290-2-3-.07 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(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 during the next regulatory visit.

**Correction Deadline: 7/31/2020**

### Children's Records

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/4/2020**

**Corrected on 7/31/2020**  
**.08(2) - Citation corrected.**

### Facility

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**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 during the next regulatory visit.

**Correction Deadline: 8/10/2020**

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**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 during the next regulatory visit.

**Correction Deadline: 7/31/2020**

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**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 during the next regulatory visit.

No immediate safety hazards were observed.

**Correction Deadline: 7/31/2020**

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<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Handwashing requirements were discussed with the provider on this date. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

**Correction Deadline: 7/31/2020**

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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. Handwashing and sanitizing for diapering were discussed with the Provider on this date. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

**Correction Deadline: 7/31/2020**

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**290-2-3-.11 Medications(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 during the next regulatory visit.

**Correction Deadline: 7/31/2020**

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<b>Licensure</b>
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**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 during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2020

## Safety and Discipline

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

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulation regarding discipline were discussed with the Provider on this date. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

No children were present on the virtual walk through.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2020

**290-2-3-.11 Transportation(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 during the next regulatory visit.

The provider does not provide transportation.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2020

## 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**

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to COVID-19 pandemic were discussed with the provider during the virtual walk through. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued July 15, 2020.

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2020

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

## Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

**290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(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 during the next regulatory visit.

No children were present on the virtual walk through.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2020

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Supervision was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding supervision were discussed with the provider on this date. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

No children were present during the virtual walk through.

**Correction Deadline: 7/31/2020**