



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.

- 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://www.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)



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Findings Report

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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

Additional cleaning and sanitizing of toys and equipment due to the COVID-19 pandemic was discussed.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.19 - Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. The consultant left a copy of the safe sleep forms with the Provider

Comment

The children cots were observed to be in good condition. There are no children requiring the use of a crib enrolled.

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

N/A

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 1

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1

Met

Finding

290-2-3-.08(1) requires the Home to have a current and updated record for each Child in care and for a period of one (1) year after each Child leaves. Such records shall include: identifying information (Child's name, birth date, Parent's name, home and business addresses, telephone numbers); name, address and telephone number of persons, including Child's physician, to contact in emergencies; and name, address, telephone numbers, relationship to Child and to Parent(s) and other identifying information of person(s) to whom the Child may be released. It was determined based one review of records that the physician name and contact information was missing for the one child enrolled.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will obtain the missing information and maintain the Children's records as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2021

Facility

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

290-2-3-.11(2)(a) - Discussed the updated emergency preparedness requirements. The consultant left a copy of form with the Provider.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2021**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(h) requires at least one UL Approved smoke detector to be on each floor of the Home and such detectors to be maintained in working order. At least one 2-A:10-B:C fire extinguisher shall be kept in the child care area to be located no more than thirty feet from the kitchen. The extinguisher shall be maintained in working order and shall be inaccessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that the fire extinguisher in the home was not correct 2-A:10-B:C size. In addition the smoke detector was not up according to the manufacture specifications.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will ensure the correct size fire extinguisher is in the home. The Provider will ensure the smoke detector is mounted according to the manufacturer specifications.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2021

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

290-2-3-.13(1) - There was leak in the home and the Provider is in the process of fixing the ceiling in the kitchen and in the child care room. There was no exposed insulation in the child care room. The provider will have the new sheet rock installed within the next 30 days.

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

The Provider was closed last year and reopened in January. Please clean toys and remove any cracked plastic toys.

Food Service

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.10(3) - Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

The consultant left a copy of the new form with the Provider

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2021

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.10(8) - Discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Discussed hand washing requirements with the Provider.

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

Comment

The diapering area was observed to be in good condition. Discussed diapering procedures with the Provider.

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

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.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals **N/A**

Comment

The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises.

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

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.11(3) - Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Proper discipline policy and practices were discussed. Discussed the recommended time used for "time out".

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit**Not Met****Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(e) requires the Home and any vehicle used for transportation Children to have a first aid kit which at least contains: scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, thermometer, adhesive tape, band-aids, insect - sting preparation, antiseptic cleaning solution, antibacterial ointment, bandages, disposable rubber gloves, protective eyewear, facemask, and cold pack. The first aid kit, together with a first aid instruction manual which must be kept with the kit at all times, shall be stored in a central location so that it is not accessible to Children but is easily accessible to the Provider and Staff. The Home must also maintain written directions for the use of universal precautions for handling blood and bodily fluids. The directions on the use of universal precautions must be kept with the first aid kit at all times. It was determined based on observation that the kit was missing scissors, tweezers, thermometer, adhesive tape, protective eyewear and a facemask.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will replace any missing items in the first aid kit, keep the instruction manual and written universal precautions with the kit and will check the kit regularly. The Home will store the kit where children will not have access to it.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2021

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

Currently the provider does not provide routine transportation. The Provider will discuss transportation requirements with the consultant before beginning transportation services.

Staff Records

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. The Provider stated she is the only adult living in the home.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on February 15, 2021.

Finding

290-2-3-.07(7) requires that the Provider, Employees and Provisional Employees with direct care responsibilities shall complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on a review of records that the Provider did not have documentation of Health and Safety training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will complete the required training. The consultant emailed the Provider links to training.

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2021

Finding

290-2-3-.07(9) requires that every calendar year, after the first year of employment the Provider, and any Provisional Employees or and Employees, shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department- approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained in the Home by the Provider, as required by these rules. It was determined based on a review of records that the Provider did not complete the required ten hours of training for the year 2020.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Provider will obtain the required annual training for the year 2021.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2021

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

290-2-3-.07(17) - Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.