



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://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

Faith Barnett, Program Official

Date

April Brown, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

Date: 1/14/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:25 AM **Departure:** 10:40 AM

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that the television observed on top of the white book shelf is secured as required. There were no enrolled children on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Care is not provided for any infant required to be in a crib on this date. Consultant observed an approved pack and play on this date.

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position; however, there were no enrolled infants on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

There is no pool on the property. The provider stated swimming activities were not provided on this date.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized on this date. However, there were no enrolled children on this date.

Facility

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

Consultant observed and discussed the new written emergency plan on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2019**Comment**

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

Comment

Operable smoke detectors were observed as required in the home on this date.

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

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

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

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

Food Service

290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

Consultant discussed the new USDA guidelines on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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.

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

There are no diapered children currently enrolled in the program on this date. Consultant discussed the requirements for non porous changing mats with the provider on this date.

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

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

Licensure

290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)**Met****Comment**

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date. A current 2019 license was observed posted on 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 on this date.

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

Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit **Met**

Comment

Please replace expired items, after bite and antibiotic cream, in the first aid kit.

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

Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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 conducted on October 1, 2018.

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete on this date.

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

Comment

Evidence observed that the provider was certified in First Aid and CPR with an expiration date of February 20, 2020.

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training **Met**

Comment

Annual training requirement and documentation observed for 2018 for the provider on this date. The provider completed 10 hours of annual training for 2018 as required.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR) **Not Evaluated**

Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)