



Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.al.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.

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#### 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.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.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://dec.al.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.

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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.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

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Date

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Date



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### Findings Report

**Date:** 12/14/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 12:30 PM

**Departure:** 1:30 PM

**FR-50314**

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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**

Provider is temporarily closed due to COVID-19 Pandemic. This rule could not be evaluated.

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

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)  
Provider is temporarily closed due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

**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 Parental Authorization(CR)**

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

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

### Facility

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.  
A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

**Comment**

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.  
A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

**Correction Deadline: 12/14/2019**

**Corrected on 12/14/2020**

.13(2)(a) - Citation was observed to be corrected on this date during a virtual visit with the Provider.  
The provider purchases a new grill cover for the grill on the back porch.

**Food Service**

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**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition** **Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

Provider is temporarily closed due to COVID-19 Pandemic. No children were enrolled at this time.

**Health and Hygiene**

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**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.

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**290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)** **Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)  
Provider is temporarily closed due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

**Comment**

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

**Licensure**

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

**Comment**

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date.

**Safety and Discipline**

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**290-2-3-.11 Animals** **Met**

**Comment**

The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises.  
A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Provider on this date. Provider is temporarily closed at this time due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

**Comment**

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, a virtual visit was conducted. The first aid kit was not observed. Please replace or add missing or expired items in first aid kit.

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

**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

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**Staff Records**

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

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

Consultant discussed with Provider that due to the Providers' home day care being closed over six months, an updated Criminal Records Check will need to be completed before reopening the Home Day Care.

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**290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.07(8) - Please be mindful that when Provider reopens their Home Day Care, a current CPR and First Aid certification needs to be on file.

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**290-2-3-.07 Independent Contractors(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

The facility does not currently have any independent contractors employed.

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**290-2-3-.07 Other Staff Direct Contact with Children(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

The facility does not currently have any additional staff employed.

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**290-2-3-.07 Provisional Employees** **Met**

**Comment**

Observed compliance with the local zoning authorities, fire safety agencies and local building authorities on this date.

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

**Comment**

Provider is temporarily closed due to COVID-19 Pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff Training****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each Staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.07(9) - Consultant and Provider discussed that Provider be sure to complete 10 Annual Training Hours each year.

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**290-2-3-.07 Students-in-Training(CR)****Met****Comment**

The facility does not currently have any students-in-training employed.

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

The facility does not currently have any volunteers employed.

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<b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b>
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**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)

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**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)