



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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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.

- 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

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Findings Report

Date: 7/16/2019 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.12(7) requires all indoor and outdoor furniture and equipment shall be secured if equipment and furniture is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. Potentially unstable equipment and furniture that might injure a child if not secured include, but are not limited to, televisions, chests of drawers, bookcases, shelving, cabinets and fish tanks. Examples of items not required to be secured include, but are not limited to, child-sized tables and chairs, rocking chairs, and cribs. It was determined based on observation that the TV in the child care room was not secured to prevent tipping or being pulled or pushed over.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will secure any identified equipment and/or furniture to prevent from tipping or falling over on a child. The Home Provider will ensure that all potentially dangerous equipment is maintained secure.

Correction Deadline: 7/12/2019

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

Met

Comment

A pack-n-play was observed for any infants that may be enrolled. The equipment was observed safe and free of hazards. Discussed sleep safety requirements.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2019

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

N/A

Comment

There was no pool on the property.

Facility

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

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher and a smoke detector was observed in the home this date.

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) **Not Met**

Finding

290-2-3-.13(2)(a) requires that outdoor play areas be kept clean and free of hazards such as exposed sharp corners of concrete or equipment, rust and splinters on equipment, broken glass, open drainage ditches, holes and stagnant water. It was determined based on observation that there were entrapment hazards when gaps were present on the two staircases and railing on the elevated deck measuring approximately 8 1/2 inches between posts. In addition there were 6 inch gaps between the steps on both staircases.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will repair any and all identified outdoor hazards and will monitor playground daily or more often as needed to ensure that the Home's outdoor play area is kept clean and free of hazards. It was discussed that the gaps should be under 3 1/2 inches.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures discussed during the visit.

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

Comment

Diapering and handwashing rules were met during the visit.

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

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Licensure

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

Comment

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date. Permission to operate was granted, and a license will be issued once the annual license fee is paid.

Safety and Discipline

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

Comment

The provider's discipline policy was reviewed and rules were discussed.

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

Proper restraints were discussed with the provider. Recommended the provider take the 2 hours of transportation safety training that can be located under "news topics" at <http://dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/Default.aspx>.

Staff Records

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete for four adults in the home.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations. Discussed the requirements for the provider and any helpers to obtain the 10 hours of Health and Safety Orientation and CPR/First Aid training within 90 days of hire.

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)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.