





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.

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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@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.

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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.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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### Findings Report

**Date:** 4/29/2020 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

**FR-52580**

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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)**

**Technical Assistance**

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Please ensure the fish tank located in the family room which was in route to the children's restroom is secured as required. Provider stated she would remove the fish tank from the family room and move it into her bedroom.

**Correction Deadline: 4/29/2020**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Consultant observed a Graco pack and play, to meet Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards. Consultant also discussed all Infant Safe Sleeping and Resting requirements with Provider, prior to the visit and on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 4/29/2020**

**Comment**

Consultant observed five (5) cots that meet the required standards.

**Correction Deadline: 5/9/2020**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

On this date, the Provider stated that the program will not participate in Swimming activities. Consultant discussed Swimming requirements with Provider, prior to the visit and on this date. Consultant also stated to Provider that prior to participating in Swimming activities, in water two (2) feet in depth or greater, the Home is required to contact the assigned Bright from the Start: Regional Consultant, to discuss and review Swimming Rules.

### Facility

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

Provider stated she did not have firearms in the home.

**Correction Deadline: 4/29/2020****Comment**

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

**Comment**

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home this date.

**Comment**

Provider stated she did not have flammable liquids such as gasoline or kerosene in the home.

**Correction Deadline: 4/29/2020**

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

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

Consultant observed playground fence to measure the required four (4) feet in height.

**Correction Deadline: 4/29/2020**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

Consultant observed the hot water to meet the 120 degrees. Provider put the hot water in a cup and placed the thermometer in the cup so that consultant could check the temperature of the water on a virtual visit.

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

The provider stated appropriate diapering procedures during the phone conference.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures prior to the visit and on this date.

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**Licensure**

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

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date. Provider can only care for six (6) occupants per zoning.

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**Safety and Discipline**

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Consultant observed the FCCLH's discipline policy and discussed regulations regarding proper discipline with the Provider, prior to the visit and on this date.

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

The Provider stated that the Home will not provide routine Transportation and Field Trips at this time. Consultant discussed with Provider, all requirements needed in order to transport and conduct field trips with children, prior to the visit and on this date. Consultant also stated to Provider that prior to providing Transportation and/or Field Trips, the Home is required to maintain current documentation of CPR and First - Aid Training, complete two (2) clock hours of Transportation Training, regarding the Provider and any Home - Helper Staff participating in any aspect of Transportation, ensure all Transportation/Field Trip checklists/forms and vehicle requirements are met, and contact the assigned Bright from the Start: Regional Consultant, to discuss and review all Transportation and Field Trip requirements.

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<b>Staff Records</b>
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**290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

On this date, Consultant observed a Satisfactory Gelmato COGENT Criminal Records Check Determination letter, regarding two (2) residents of the FCCLH. Consultant also discussed all Gelmato COGENT Criminal Records Check requirements with Center Owner, prior to the visit and on this date.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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<b>Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision</b>
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**290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)****Met****Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Proper child ratios discussed with the Provider on this date and prior to the visit.

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

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Proper supervision discussed with the Provider on this date.