





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](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.

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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Cyasia Zackery, Program Official

Date

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Brianne Walters, Consultant

Date



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### Findings Report

**Date:** 7/9/2020    **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 1:15 PM    **Departure:** 2:15 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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

A variety of toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions.

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

A crib that would be used for any enrolled infants was observed in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards. The crib had a firm mattress with a tight fitted bottom sheet. Cots for the older children were observed.

**Correction Deadline: 7/9/2020**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

There was no pool on the property. No swimming activities will be provided on or off site.

### Facility

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

**Met**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

**Comment**

The provider stated there were no firearms or flammable liquids in the home.

**Correction Deadline: 7/9/2020**

**Comment**

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher and working smoke detector were 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) Met**

**Comment**

The home had a fenced in playground and screened in porch that were observed safe and in good repair.

**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. Diapering rules were discussed.

**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. The provider was approved for a maximum of six children by the City of Savannah business approval letter.

**Safety and Discipline**

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

**Comment**

The discipline rules and the home's discipline policy were discussed.

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

**Comment**

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home

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

**Comment**

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

**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 and on file for two adults in the home.

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**290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.07(27) requires that the Provider, Employees and Provisional Employees shall not commit any criminal act, as defined under Georgia law, in the presence of any child enrolled in the Home and shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations. It was determined based on consultant's review of documents that the Savannah Business License/Business Tax Certificate was not submitted to the Department after Permission to Operate was granted, as is required. Further, the provider did not submit the document by the given deadline of December 30, 2020.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Provider will submit a copy of the Savannah Business Tax Certificate to the department, and will maintain compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

**Correction Deadline: 1/15/2021**

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**Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision**

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

**Comment**

Appropriate ratios were discussed.

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

**Comment**

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Supervision requirements discussed.