

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

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.dec.al.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@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.

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

Kimberly Spivey, Program Official

Date

Angela Byrd, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

Date: 2/24/2021 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 3:00 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)

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On this date, consultant observed equipment, furniture and toys throughout the home, to be non - hazardous, fully - secured, and not able to cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over.

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2021

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Consultant observed six (6) cots for sleeping and resting.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2021

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Home does not provide swimming activities.

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There is no pool on the property.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The provider stated there are no firearms stored in the home.

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2021

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home this date.

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The provider stated the homes does not have flammable liquids, such as gasoline or kerosene, stored inside the home.

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2021

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The outside area appears clean and well maintained. The home did not have any large playground equipment that required resilient surfacing.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the provider on this date. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed during the virtual walk through on this date.

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the provider on this date. Liquid soap and paper towels were observed accessible in the restroom area on this date.

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Licensure

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date. Consultant discussed with the provider that the home can only care for six (6) occupants.

Safety and Discipline

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Positive discipline discussed with the provider on this date and the discipline policy was reviewed.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on February 15, 2021.

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision |
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290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)**Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Proper child ratios were discussed with the provider on this date and prior to the visit.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Proper supervision were discussed with the provider on this date and prior to the visit.