



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](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.

**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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Karyn Raulerson, Program Official

Date

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Angela Byrd, Consultant

Date



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### Findings Report

**Date:** 7/7/2021    **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 11:00 AM    **Departure:** 2:00 PM

**FR-54563**

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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: 7/7/2021**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Provider will only care for children one years and older. There are no infants enrolled that would require a crib or pack and play.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through there was no pool observed on the property. Per the provider no swimming activities were provided.

### 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. On this date, provider stated there are no firearms stored in the home and accessible to the children in care.

**Correction Deadline: 7/7/2021**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home on 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. On this date, the provider stated there are no flammable liquids, such as gasoline or kerosene stored inside the home.

**Correction Deadline: 7/7/2021**

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**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 on this date.

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**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 on this date.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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**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 present 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)**

**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 diapering procedures discussed with the provider on this date and prior to the visit.

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**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 with the provider on this date.

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**Licensure**

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**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.

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**Safety and Discipline**

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**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. Proper discipline discussed with the provider on this date.

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

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

<b>Staff Records</b>
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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. On this date, Consultant observed a Satisfactory Gelmato COGENT Criminal Records Check Determination letter, regarding the provider and spouse. Consultant also discussed all Gelmato COGENT Criminal Records Check requirements with provider, prior to the visit and on this date.

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**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 July 1, 2021.

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussed staff qualifications and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

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

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