



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

S'Oterica Jones, Program Official

Date

Angela Byrd, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

Date: 9/27/2021 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

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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: 9/27/2021

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

Not Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Two (2) Graco playpen observed to meet safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards. Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the Provider during the inspection visit and prior to the visit.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2021

Finding

290-2-3-.19(1)(b) requires that cots and mats shall be provided for each child who is two (2) years of age or older and who is required to take a nap and for each child under the age of two years who can climb out of a crib or other equipment approved for infant sleep. It was determined based on consultant's observation the home did not have four (4) cots used for sleeping and resting. On this date Provider stated she would place the order for the cots.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home Provider will provide a cot for every child who is 2 years of age or older and every child who is under the age of 2 year who is able to climb out of a crib.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2021

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. No pool observed on site.

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 on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2021**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 home does not have any flammable liquids, such as gasoline or kerosene stored in the home on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2021

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 on this date.

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.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There are no diapered children currently enrolled in the program. Diapering procedures discussed with provider on this date.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed. 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. Permission to Operate will be issued upon completion of the Exit Conference and signature pages are returned to the Consultant. The overall licensed capacity is six (6) children at any given time.

Comment

Consultant discussed Business License requirement with the Provider. The Provider has until November 1, 2021, to submit the Business License to the Consultant.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2021

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Animals**Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Consultant discussed appropriate discipline and guidance techniques with the provider.

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. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the provider decides to incorporate transportation. The provider will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hour transportation training prior to transporting children. Comment vehicle information, insurance, first aid kit and fire extinguisher were observed.

Staff Records

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. One (1) record was observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file for the provider and all residents living in the home seventeen (17) years and older.

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

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

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Proper ratios discussed with the provider on this date.

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Proper supervision discussed with provider on this date.