



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



Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

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

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)

Jereisha Dowell, Program Official

Date

Angela Byrd, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

Date: 2/23/2022 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 10:45 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

Toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2022

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2022

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

Met

Comment

One (1) playpen observed meeting the 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.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2022

Comment

Provider will provide night care. Consultant discussed with the provider that if she decides to provide 24 hour care, a second helper will need to be hired.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2022

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

Met

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities. There is no pool on the property.

Facility

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

Provider stated she does not have any firearms stored inside the home on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2022**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 gasoline or kerosene is not stored in the home on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2022

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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure the rails on the porch area is covered with the green construction barrier to prevent an entrapment hazard. On the day of the visit the rails were covered however the barrier was falling down in some areas.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2022**Technical Assistance**

On this date, there were no children enrolled. Consultant observed the playground area to be fully enclosed with a wooden fence and green temporary construction barrier in the front yard. Please ensure the green construction barrier is secure and stable.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2022

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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

On this date, consultant advised provider to remove the quilted changing pad which was non porous.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2022**Comment**

There are no diapered children currently enrolled in the program. Proper diapering procedures discussed with the provider on this date.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures on this date.

Licensure

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

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 five (5) children at any given time based on the zoning office. Consultant discussed Business License requirement with the provider. The provider has until March 23, 2022, to submit the Business License to the consultant.

Safety and Discipline

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Proper discipline discussed with the provider on this date. Consultant reviewed the discipline policy before the on-site visit.

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

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.

Staff Records

290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Comment**

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**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Proper ratios discussed with the provider on this date.

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. Proper supervision discussed with the provider on this date.