



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

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)

Nora Harmon, Program Official

Date

Linda A. Barge, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

Date: 1/20/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:30 AM **Departure:** 1:10 PM

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

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.

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

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2021

Corrected on 1/20/2022

.19(1)(a)3 - It was determined through a virtual visit observations that the fitted bottom sheet on the pac-n-play was tight fitting. This citation has been corrected and is being maintained.

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2021

Corrected on 1/20/2022

.19(2) - It was determined based upon a virtual Monitoring Visit, Observation that no blankets were hanging from the pac-n-play and no blankets were in the pac-n-play. The citation had been corrected and is being maintained.

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

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Comment

Consultant observed complete emergency drills on this date

Comment

The Consultant observed operable smoke detectors as required in the home on this date.

Comment

The Consultant observed an operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher in the home on this date.

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

Comment

The Home appeared clean and free from hazards on this date.

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

Comment

The outside area appeared clean and well maintained on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures on this date.

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

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

Comment

Per the provider, during a virtual visit on this date, no medication is dispensed.

Licensure

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

Comment

During a virtual visit the Consultant observed Appropriate number of children in the Family Child Care Learning Home on this date.

Safety and Discipline

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

Comment

The provider was observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date, during a virtual monitoring visit due to covid-19 pandemic..

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

Comment

The provider stated during a virtual visit on this date, that no routine transportation is provided.

Staff Records

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

Comment

During a Virtual Monitoring Visit due to Covid-19, Criminal records checks were observed to be complete on this date.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date during a virtual Monitoring Visit due to Covid-19 Pandemic, conducted by the Consultant.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children during a virtual Monitoring Visit due to Covid-19 Pandemic on this date.