



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)

Sherene Edwards, Program Official

Date

April Brown, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

Date: 7/22/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 4:00 PM **Departure:** 5:30 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 on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

290-2-3-.19 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR) **Not Evaluated**

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the provider, however, there were no infants enrolled or present on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities at this time. There were no children enrolled on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Facility

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

Comment

Home observed to have completed the written emergency plan on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Comment

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

Comment

An operable smoke detector was observed as required in the home on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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

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

The outside area play area appeared clean and well maintained on this date. The provider taped off the area of the playground that had equipment that would not be used for children to play on. Consultant discussed with the provider to outline the area of her back yard in which she would allow children to play on prior to enrollment. Consultant provided guidance to the provider regarding how to identify the area of the back yard that would be set aside for children to play which consisted of placing a heavy duty safety fence to outline the area. Consultant discussed appropriate barriers to allow children to play in the designated area of the back yard. There were no children present or enrolled on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Food Service**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Consultant discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Comment

Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Correction Deadline: 7/22/2021

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

290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

There are no diapered children currently enrolled in the program. There were no children present on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Per the provider no medication was currently dispensed as there were no children enrolled on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Licensure

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

Application requirements reviewed with the Provider on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Safety and Discipline

290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date) A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date) A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Staff Records

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

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Provider stated that there have been no new hires since last visit which was completed on January 7, 2021. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Comment

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

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

Provider observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date. There were no children enrolled or present on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date) A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)
Consultant discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.