



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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

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), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

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 Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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Date

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Date



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(Findings Report)

Date: 2/27/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 1:30 PM **Departure:** 3:50 PM

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR) Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

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

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2022

Corrected on 2/27/2023

.19(2) - Currently there are no infants enrolled. Discussed safe sleep requirements with the provider.

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

Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

290-2-3-.08 Children's Records Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

290-2-3-.08(8)(b) - Discussed reviewing and updating the Home's policies to ensure they comply with Bright from the Start's current requirements. The consultant left resources with the Provider.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2023

290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.08(3) - Please ensure the Provider's name and not the name of the Day care is listed on all parental authorizations.

Facility

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

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)**Met****Comment**

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

Discussed resilient surface requirements for climbing equipment. The consultant emailed resources to the Provider.

Food Service

290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.10(1) - 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. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability.

Health and Hygiene

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

The Provider stated proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

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

290-2-3-.11(1)(f) - Discussed changing pad requirements. Please ensure changing pad surface is made of a smooth material with no raised, patterned or quilted design on the surface.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2023

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

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

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2022

Corrected on 2/27/2023

.04(1)(d) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The appropriate number of children were observed on this date. There were four children for pay and two children for no pay present.

Safety and Discipline

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

Comment

Appropriate vaccination records were available for the two dogs in the home.

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

Comment

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider, helper and children in care.

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit **Met**

Comment

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home

290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR) **N/A**

Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR **Met**

Comment

Evidence observed that the provider and helper are certified in First Aid and CPR.

290-2-3-.07 Provider Qualifications **Not Met**

Finding

290-2-3-.07(5) requires that prior to assignment to children or task, the Provider and all Employees and Provisional Employees must receive initial program orientation. It was determined based on a review of records that the Helper did not have an orientation on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Home will ensure that all Staff have completed the required orientation training and will ensure any new Staff hired complete orientation training as required.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2023

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

290-2-3-.07 Staff Training Met

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2022

Corrected on 2/27/2023

.07(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The Provider completed the required ten hours of training for the year 2022.

Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2022

Corrected on 2/27/2023

.07(15) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The appropriate number of children were observed in the Home.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2022

Corrected on 2/27/2023

.07(18) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There was an additional helper assisting with the children on this date.

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.