



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



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 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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.dec.state.ga.us/> 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), 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)

Freddie Mae Lewis, Program Official

Date

Crystal Miller, Consultant

Date

Angela Byrd, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

Date: 10/4/2022 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

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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: 10/3/2022

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2022

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

Met

Comment

On this date provider stated that she will not care for infants at this time. Consultant advised provider to inform her regional consultant when she is ready to care for infants and provide proof of the playpen. Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the (Provider) during the inspection visit.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2022

Comment

Consultant observed the correct amount of cots/mats, sheets and covers on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2022

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

Met

Comment

There is no pool on the property.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

Provider stated there are no firearms stored in the home on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2022

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

On this date, the provider stated there are no flammable liquids, such as gasoline or kerosene, be stored outside the Home.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2022

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

Not Met

Finding

290-2-3-.13(1) requires that the Home be clean and free from hazards. It was determined based on consultants observation the following hazards were observed.

*Protruding screws on the gate of the fence.

*Stairs and porch area not fully enclosed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure the cleanliness and safety of the environment, the Home Provider will make hazardous items inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 10/14/2022

Comment

The home appears clean and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2022

Comment

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2022

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)

Met

Comment

There are no diapered children currently enrolled in the program. Consultant discussed diapering procedure with 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**

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.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2022**Comment**

Consultant discussed Business License requirement with the Provider. The Provider has until November 4, 2022, to submit the Business License to the Consultant.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2022

Safety and Discipline

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

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date. Vaccination for provider's poodle is valid through September 10, 2023.

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

Consultant discussed appropriate discipline and guidance techniques with the provider.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2022

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. Three (3) records were 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**

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Proper ratios discussed with provider on this date.

Comment

Currently there are no children enrolled in the program. Proper supervision was discussed with provider on this date.