





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

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](http://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 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Date

Lynn Schnitzer, Regional Consultant

Date



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**(Findings Report)**

**Date:** 6/16/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:45 AM **Departure:** 1:15 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.

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Currently the provider is not caring for infants. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

**Comment**

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)  
Consultant observed the program to have sufficient mats for the children.

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

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

**290-2-3-.08 Children's Records**

**Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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**290-2-3-.08 Parental Authorization(CR)****Met****Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

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**Facility**

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

Home observed complete emergency drills

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

**Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(2)(h) - Consultant discussed with the provider to check smoke detectors monthly and to replace the batteries as needed.

**Comment**

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

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

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

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

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

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**Food Service**

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

Families bring meals and snacks from home. Per the provider, meals are supplemented to ensure they meet USDA guidelines.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

Provider stated proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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**290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.11(1)(d) - Consultant discussed with the provider what is required for an emergency action plan to administer medication for a medical condition or allergic reaction.

## Licensure

### 290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Provider did not have any children present on this date.

## Safety and Discipline

### 290-2-3-.11 Animals

Met

#### Comment

Appropriate vaccination records were available on this date.

### 290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

#### Comment

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

### 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)

Not Evaluated

#### Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

## 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 March 31, 2022.

#### Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

### 290-2-3-.07 First Aid & CPR

Met

#### Comment

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

### 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

#### Comment

Annual training requirement and documentation observed.

## Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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

There were no children present during the time of the inspection. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)