





Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/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 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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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)

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Date

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Findings Report

Date: 7/19/2022 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 10:30 AM Departure: 12:00 PM

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

290-2-3-.09 Activities Met

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2022

Corrected on 7/19/2022

.09(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The provider stated that the children were provided with daily outdoor activities as required when weather permits.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2022

Corrected on 7/19/2022

.12(5) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The chalkboard and chalk pieces had been removed.

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

Finding

290-2-3-.19(1)(a)3 requires that each crib and other equipment approved for infant sleep shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that there was a pack and play crib that did not have a tight fitting sheet as required.

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Correction Deadline: 7/19/2022

**Finding**

290-2-3-.19(2) requires that a Family Child Care Learning Home shall provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants and one-year-old children when placed for sleep in a safety approved crib or in any other type of equipment approved for infant sleep. Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back unless the Parent has provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back, but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred positions and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant, however swaddling shall not be used unless the Home has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant such as but not limited to crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation that an infant was asleep in a pack and play with a blanket covering the infant, a bib attached around the infant's neck and a pacifier clipped to the infant's clothing.

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**Correction Deadline: 7/19/2022**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.19(4) requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observation that cots were not covered to prevent children's access.

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**Correction Deadline: 7/19/2022**

**Recited on 7/19/2022**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Home does not provide swimming activities.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2022

Corrected on 7/19/2022

.11(2)(c) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The provider submitted the documentation of drills for fire, tornado, and other emergency situations as required.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2022

Corrected on 7/19/2022

.11(2)(d) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The camera cord had been removed and was longer accessible to children in care.

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(2)(f) requires that poisons, medicines, cleaning agents and other hazardous materials be in locked areas or inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the bathroom had six bottles of cleaning supplies that were labeled Keep Out of Reach of Children on the floor of the bathroom by the toilet and in the kitchen, the cabinet under the sink was not locked and had bleach, Clorox toilet bowl cleaner, fish food and Windex all labeled Keep Out of Reach of Children that were accessible to children in care. Additionally, in the unlocked drawer of the changing table was a tube of gum gel, disinfectant wipes, silver sulfide cream, hand sanitizing gel, wood glue, two glitter bottles and two diaper creams labeled Keep Out of reach of Children and were accessible to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2022

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

Not Met

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**Correction Deadline: 7/19/2022**

**Corrected on 7/19/2022**

**.13(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There were no structural or mechanical hazards accessible to children in care.**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.13(1)(e) prohibits the use of multiple plugs and electric extension cords. Electrical outlets within reach of children shall be plugged or covered. It was determined based observation that four (4) outlets were without protective covers and accessible to children in care.

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**Correction Deadline: 7/19/2022**

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

**Correction Deadline: 2/11/2022**

**Corrected on 7/19/2022**

**.13(2)(a) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There were no accessible hazards.**

<b>Food Service</b>
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**290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.10(3)(g) requires the Home to ensure that children do not have excessive amounts of food in their mouths while eating and are chewing their food appropriately to prevent instances of choking. Children shall always be seated when eating and shall not be allowed to lie down or be put to sleep while food is present in their mouths. It was determined based on observation that an infant was drinking a bottle while lying down in a pack and play posing a possible choking hazard.

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**Correction Deadline: 7/19/2022**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.10(4) requires that all baby bottles be clearly labeled with the individual child's name. Formula or breast milk shall be supplied by the Parent daily in bottles. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. Bottles shall be refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. If formula must be provided by the Home, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. It was determined based on observation that two (2) bottles were not labeled with the individual child's name as required. Additionally, formula was being prepared by the provider and not supplied by the parent in the bottle as required.

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**Correction Deadline: 7/20/2022**

**Recited on 7/19/2022**

**290-2-3-.10 Kitchen Operations**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.10(17) requires that garbage be stored in trash containers with lids and emptied and cleaned as needed. Areas around outdoor containers shall be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that the kitchen trash can was without a lid as required.

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**Correction Deadline: 7/19/2022**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(i) requires that personnel shall wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water: immediately before and after each diaper change; immediately upon the first Child's arrival in the Home for care and upon re-entering the Home after outside play; before and after dispensing oral medications and applying topical medications, ointments, creams or lotions, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding or assisting children with eating and drinking; after toileting or helping children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids such as, but not limited to, mucus, saliva, vomit or blood, and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation of staff statements that staff are not washing hands after diapering as required.

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**Correction Deadline: 8/5/2022**

**Recited on 7/19/2022**

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(j) requires children’s hands to be washed with liquid soap and warm running water: immediately upon arrival for the day and re-entering the child care area after outside play; before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, and playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, contact with bodily fluids such as, but not limited to, mucus, saliva, vomit or blood, and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that staff did not state the proper handwashing procedures for children after diapering. Additionally, the portable handwashing sink adjacent to the diapering table was not equipped with warm water, and paper towels were not available in the bathroom.

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**Correction Deadline: 7/18/2022**

**Recited on 7/19/2022**

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

**Finding**

290-2-3-.11(1)(f) requires diapers to be changed in the Child's own crib or on a nonporous surface which is cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single use disposable towel after each diaper change. It was determined based on observation that staff did not state proper disinfectant procedures for diaper changes.

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**Correction Deadline: 1/31/2022**



Corrected on 7/19/2022

.11(1)(g) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There was a closed container of soiled diapers adjacent to the changing table.

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

Met

**Comment**

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

**Licensure**

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

Met

**Comment**

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date.

**Safety and Discipline**

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

Met

**Comment**

Pleasant interactions observed between the provider and children in care.

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

Met

**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

Correction Deadline: 3/2/2022

Corrected on 7/19/2022

.07(8) - This citation is observed to be corrected on this date. All staff have completed the CPR training.

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**

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

**Finding**

290-2-3-.07(17) requires at least one Staff person with a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination shall supervise Children at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means Staff members are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The person(s) supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. 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. Plans shall be made to obtain additional Staff help in cases of emergencies. It was determined based on observation that an infant was asleep in a separate room from the child care area and was not provided with watchful oversight as required. Additionally, staff was not an arm's length away from an infant that was drinking a bottle as required.

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