

Notice of Public Hearing for Proposed Rulemaking
Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

Rules and Regulations for
Child Care Learning Centers,
Rule Chapter 591-1-1

Proposed Amendment of Rule 591-1-1-.07
Proposed Amendment of Rule 591-1-1-.16
Proposed Amendment of Rule 591-1-1-.36

Rules and Regulations for
Family Day Care Homes,
Rule Chapter 290-2-3

Proposed Amendment of Rule 290-2-3-.11

Notice Date: July 19, 2023

Dear Sir or Madam:

Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) proposes to amend Rule Chapter 591-1-1 in the *Rules and Regulations for Child Care Learning Centers* and Rule Chapter 290-2-3 in the *Rules and Regulations for Family Child Care Learning Homes* in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-19-

DECAL proposes these amendments to the rules and regulations to enhance the health and safety of children in care.

These rules are being amended in accordance with the requirements set out in O.C.G.A. 50-13-1, *et seq.*

The proposed amendments have been posted under the Proposed Revisions tab on DECAL's website at [Rules and Regulations \(ga.gov\)](https://decals.ga.gov/rules-and-regulations).

The proposed amendments are being considered on a permanent basis, and DECAL invites interested parties to comment on them. Interested parties may submit written comments by mail to 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE, Suite 754, East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334; by fax to 678-891-5643; by entering comments through the GotoWebinar chat box at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6488103090851374095> during the public hearing; or by e-mail to CCSRuleRevisions@decals.ga.gov. To be considered, DECAL must receive written comments on or before 5 p.m., August 23, 2023. Comments made in writing will be given the same consideration as those that are made verbally.

Interested parties who prefer to make verbal comments on the proposed rule changes may do so at a public hearing before the Board of Early Care and Learning. The public hearing will be held from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, East Tower 8th Floor, Oak Room, Atlanta, Georgia 30334 on Thursday, August 24, 2023. Speakers should sign in to speak before 1 p.m. If no guest speakers sign in before 1 p.m., the board will resume its regular meeting. Guest

speakers wishing to address the board in person who arrive after 1 p.m. will still be allowed to make a public statement.

All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing even if they choose not to make verbal comments regarding the rule amendment proposals.

We appreciate our partnership with you in meeting the early care and education needs of Georgia's children and families, and we value your expertise and experience as we refine the rules and regulations that ensure our children remain healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pam Stevens". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Pam Stevens
Deputy Commissioner for Child Care Services