

## Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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Date: 12/3/2019 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 2:50 PM Departure: 4:00 PM

CCLC-33800 **Regional Consultant** 

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Quality Rated: \*\*

12/03/2019

05/07/2019

11/29/2018



Licensing Study

Monitoring Visit

Licensing Study

Compliance Zone Designation	

Good Standing

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Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient.

Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

Support

Deficient

Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting

rules.

Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting

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the rules.

#### Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A- F Wing		0	0	С	25	С	NA	NA	-
Main	B- F Wing		0	0	С	25	С	NA	NA	
Main	C- F Wing		0	0	С	26	С	NA	NA	
Main	D-F Wing		0	0	С	26	С	NA	NA	
Main	Rm. A-Cafeteria	Six Year Olds and Over	2	7	С	100	С	NA	NA	Snack,Free Play
Main	Rm. B- Gym		0	0	С	0	С	NA	NA	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building capacity limited by Centers Request		
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Total # Children this Date: 7 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100 Total Capacity @25 sq.

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground w/ Playscape	113	С

#### **Comments**

The consultant left a one-day letter and CRC affidavit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/03/2019

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).



Please refer to the website, <a href="http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>, 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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <a href="http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx">http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx</a>

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 New Deadlines:**

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <a href="https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/">https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/</a> Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a>

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## **Findings Report**

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment** 

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)** 

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records** 

Records Reviewed: 3 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 1 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

**Technical Assistance** 

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591-1-1-.08(1) - Please review children's files for missing information.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2019

**Facility** 

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

# Met 591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) Comment Center appears clean and well maintained. 591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) Met Comment Playground observed to be clean and in good repair. **Health and Hygiene** 591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) Met Comment No children enrolled who require diapering. School age children attend only for after school hours. 591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) Met Comment Staff stated proper knowledge of hand washing procedures. 591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) Met Comment The after school provider does not dispense or administer medication. **Policies and Procedures** 591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures Met Comment Consultant observed completed documentation of emergency drills. Safety 591-1-1-.05 Animals N/A Comment Center does not keep animals on premises. 591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR) Met Comment Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date. N/A 591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) Comment Center does not participate in field trips at this time. 591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) N/A Comment Center does not provide routine transportation. **Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

# 591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Sleeping/Naps are not required for this program. School age children attend only for after school hours.

#### **Records Reviewed: 3**

## **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 1 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 2 Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/12/2013

"Missing/Incomplete Components"
.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"
.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

## 591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)

Not Met

### Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #1 did not submit the records check application as required.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will watch the videos to ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will watch the videos to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2019

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #1 was present at the center and did not have a current comprehensive satisfactory criminal record check on file.

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Correction Deadline: 12/3/2019

#### 591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

#### Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

## 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

#### Finding

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on a review of records that two of two staff did not obtain the required ten hours of annual training for 2018.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed for the annual year of 2019.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2019

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) Met

#### Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

# Staffing and Supervision

#### 591-1-1-.32 Staff: Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

## 591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

## Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.