



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 6/20/2018    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 12:00 PM    **Departure:** 3:00 PM

**CCLC-32809**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
06/20/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/04/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/29/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

**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	Room 1 Left	Infants	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play, Feeding
Main	Room 1 Right	Five Year Olds	2	12	C	18	C	25	C	Transitioning
Main	Room 2 Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room 2 Right	Five Year Olds	2	18	C	26	C	37	C	Transitioning, Nap
Main	Room 3 Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room 4 Left	Five Year Olds	2	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 126

Total # Children this Date: 73

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 126

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	1 Left	15	C
Main	1 Right	30	C
Main	2 Left	25	C
Main	2 Right	45	C
Main	3 Left	25	C
Main	4 Left	35	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/20/2018

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).

	<b>Reminder:</b> All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before <b>January 1, 2017</b> . For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit <a href="http://www.decalkoala.com">www.decalkoala.com</a> . You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.
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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@decals.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decals.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: <http://decals.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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)

	
<b>Important New Deadlines:</b>	
Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.	
Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <a href="https://qualityrated.decals.ga.gov/">https://qualityrated.decals.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@decals.ga.gov">qualityrated@decals.ga.gov</a>	

Ramona Stewart, Program Official

Date

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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**

**Correction Deadline: 12/8/2017**

**Corrected on 6/20/2018**

.12(1) - The previous citation has been corrected. The center has replaced the straps in the feeding chairs.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 5**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)****Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Met****Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(2) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that renovate existing plumbing facilities, to have a hand washing sink with running heated water located adjacent to the diapering area. Flush sinks shall not be used for hand washing. Cleansing procedures in other facilities shall be approved by the Department. It was determined based on observation that the center did not have hot water available and there was not heated water at the diapering sinks as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will have the hot water heater repaired. The staff order parts during the visit.

**Correction Deadline: 6/23/2018**

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**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that the center did not have hot water available at any of the handwashing sinks and children were not able to wash their hands with warm water as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will have the hot water heater checked and repaired if needed.

**Correction Deadline: 6/23/2018**

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

The center contracts transportation with the public schools. Complete documentation of transportation logs observed.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

Cribs and cots observed to be in good condition.

**Staff Records**

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR** **Met**

**Comment**

Complete first aid kit observed in center.

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training** **Met**

**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.