



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Date:** 3/20/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 11:00 AM

**Departure:** 12:45 PM

**CCLC-35509**

**Bright Stars Primary Learning Academy**

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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.
03/20/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/05/2017	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
09/07/2017	Licensing Study	Support	

**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	Rm A: Entrance right: infants/toddlers	Infants and One Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Rm B (left side): Preschool: 1st left	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	6	NC	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Rm C(left side): Back Left: Pre-K	PreK	2	19	C	22	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	Rm D(left side): Back right: Pre-K	PreK	2	20	C	22	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Rm E(left side):2nd right: 2's	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Rm F(left side): 1st Right: 3's	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Rm G (left side): Middle: Afterschool		0	0	C	28	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 111			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 71			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left Inf/Tod PG	13	C
Main	Playground Deck	10	C
Main	Playground Rear/Right	51	C

## Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/20/2018

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).



**Reminder:** All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com). You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.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://dec.al.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)



### Important New Deadlines:

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: <https://qualityrated.dec.al.ga.gov/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

### Activities and Equipment

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

**Not Met**

##### Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observed that the following equipment was in hazardous conditions

Playground Deck: Broken red chair, caterpillar radio flyer riding toy, red tricycle with split rubber tire on front  
Playground Rear Right: On the bike merry go round there was three torn seats with exposed wood and foam, two with missing pedals. the red tunnel had chipping paint The green car had two missing steering wheels.

##### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

**Correction Deadline: 3/20/2018**

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

**Met**

##### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Facility

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

**Not Met**

##### Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that the center cared for seven children in a space licensed for six.

##### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

**Correction Deadline: 3/20/2018**

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the bottom fencing on the right rear playground had a hole measuring at approximately ten inches wide and six inches high which pose an entrapment hazard.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and will repair any hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 3/20/2018**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that the fall zone for the swings had inadequate resilient surface in that six inches was required and only two inches was observed.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

**Correction Deadline: 3/30/2018**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the follow hazards were observed:

- there were two wooded panels on the deck playground that was broken an protruding outwards with sharp edges.
- the tarp underneath the swings was exposed and posed a tripping hazard..
- the tarp at the orange top was exposed an posed a tripping hazard.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will fix on the playground and will routinely monitor the playground for hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 3/20/2018**

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<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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**Safety**

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Comment**

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 12****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 01/01/2018

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 01/01/2018

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 04/24/2017

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 08/07/2017

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 04/20/2015

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 08/21/2017

**Records Reviewed: 12**

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

Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/10/2015	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 06/12/2017	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 07/29/2015	
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 02/13/2013	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 08/17/2016	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12**

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

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided 2 files for employees hired since last visit.

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

**Comment**

Staff in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations in that no criminal act, as defined under Georgia law, has been committed in the presence of the children enrolled.

**Correction Deadline: 3/20/2018**

**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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.