



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/26/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 12:00 PM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

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Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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 - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
08/26/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/20/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/26/2018	Complaint Closure	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
Building 1	1 (0-12 months)	Infants	2	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	10 (threes)		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	
Building 1	11 (threes)		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	
Building 1	12 (four-five years)		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	
Building 1	13 (School-age)		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	
Building 1	2 (one-two years)	One Year Olds	2	15	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	3 (9-18 months)	Infants and One Year Olds	1	12	NC	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	4 (two years)	Two Year Olds	1	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	5 (Activity Room)		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	6 (one years)	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	7 (5-12yrs)		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	8 (threes)	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	9 (fours)		0	0	C	15	C	21	C	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 193					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 212				
Building 2	downstairs (school-age)		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 19					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 212				
Total # Children this Date: 71		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 212			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 212				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/26/2019

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, <http://www.decal.ga.gov/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

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: <http://decal.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).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decal.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@decal.ga.gov

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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-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2019

Corrected on 8/26/2019

.03(1) - Previous citation corrected on this date six out of six classrooms had lesson plans

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2019

Corrected on 8/26/2019

.03(6) - Previous citation corrected on this date no infants observed confined in 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.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2019

Corrected on 8/26/2019

.26(8) - Previous citation corrected on this date mulch was added to fall fall zone.

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 following hazards were present on the right side playground area:

- * gum balls
- * exposed concrete at base of the fencing post
- * four pegs were coming out of the resilient surface barrier

The following hazards were present on the left side play area:

- * open holes in the ground which poses a tripping hazard
- * exposed nails on the tree house underneath the purple mailbox

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2019

Recited on 8/26/2019

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that fire and tornado drills were not conducted in July as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2019

Recited on 8/26/2019

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
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Staff # 1	Met
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Date of Hire: 10/20/2002

Staff # 2	Met
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Date of Hire: 08/19/2019

Staff # 3	Met
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Date of Hire: 03/13/2003

Staff # 4	Met
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Date of Hire: 01/26/2004

Staff # 5	Met
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Date of Hire: 12/04/1993

Staff # 6	Met
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Date of Hire: 01/09/2008

Staff # 7	Met
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Date of Hire: 09/09/2016

Staff # 8	Met
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Date of Hire: 12/17/1999

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Met
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Correction Deadline: 6/20/2019

Corrected on 8/26/2019

.33(3) - Previous citation corrected on this date staff member had Health and Safety Orientation training.

Correction Deadline: 6/28/2019

Corrected on 8/26/2019

.33(6) - Previous citation corrected on this date 10 staff members were observed with 2018 training hours.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)	Met
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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)	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that classroom three was observed to have twelve children (five infants and seven one-year-olds) present with one staff when a ratio of 1:6 was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2019

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)	Met
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Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.