



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/25/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 12:20 PM

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Quality Rated:

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
03/25/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/25/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/21/2018	Monitoring Visit	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
One	A	Infants	2	9	C	10	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play, Snack
One	C	One Year Olds	2	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
One	D	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 43			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Two	E(right)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	25	C	27	C	NA	NA	Outside
Two	F(left)		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 47			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations					
Total # Children this Date: 59			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 90			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
One	Playground A	27	C
One	Playground B	11	C
Two	Playground C	21	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a monitoring visit.

The center is currently one star quality rated.

The director stated that they do not provide routine transportation, medications, or swimming activities.

The director provided two files for staff hired since the last visit.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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

Lori Wheeler, Program Official

Date

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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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - The consultant spoke with the director about repairing, replacing, or removing the Little Tikes kitchen playset in classroom F that had broken plastic with sharp edges on the oven door.

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2019

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

N/A

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)

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute. New mulch is available and will be put on the playground at the close of business on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

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

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2018

Corrected on 3/25/2019

.21(3) - The center is currently conducting emergency drills. The consultant left an updated emergency drill log on this date, so the center can begin conducting lockdown drills.

Safety

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

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

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)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - The consultant spoke with the director about ensuring that children's bedding does not touch during storage.

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2019

Staff Records

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

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2018

Staff # 2

Met

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 07/16/2009

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 01/23/2017

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 02/26/2018

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 08/21/2018

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/2019

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 05/23/2017

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 02/19/2019

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 01/17/2013

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2016

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 09/01/2013

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 06/20/2018

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided two files for employees hired since last visit.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) - The consultant spoke with the director about ensuring that applications are completed in Decal Koala before any potential employees are hired. A copy of the Livescan fingerprint instructions were left with the director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2019

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.