

# 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: 1/2/2020 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 10:10 AM Departure: 12:55 PM

CCLC-39818 Regional Consultant

Deficient

## **Children's Learning Center**

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Quality Rated:





Compliance Zone Designation				
01/02/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
08/15/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
07/26/2019	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing		

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.

- Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting 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-1st Right (Right Hall)	Infants	2	4	С	11	С	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding
Main	B-2nd Right (Right Hall)	One Year Olds	1	2	С	10	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C-2nd Left (Right Hall)	Two Year Olds	2	11	С	18	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D-1st Left (Right Hall)	Three Year Olds	2	8	С	17	С	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E-Left Rear		0	0	С	14	С	NA	NA	
Main	F-Front Left	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	С	19	С	NA	NA	Centers
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 8	9		Total C ft.: 0	apacity @	25 sq.			
Total # Cl	hildren this Date: 37	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 8	9		Total C	apacity @	25 sq.			

ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	@nd AFrom Left Side	47	С
Main	3rd from Left	25	С
Main	E- 6wks-23mth	16	С
Main	Left Side	55	С
Main	Right Side	115	С

#### Comments

Follow up to the previous Monitoring Visit that was conducted on August 15, 2019 was completed on this date.

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>

Carrie Cofer, Program Official	Date	Colleen Covey, Consultant	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

Comment

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

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

Met Child # 2

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.

**Facility** 

591-1-106 Bathrooms	Met
Comment	
Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.	
591-1-119 License Capacity(CR)	Met
Comment	
Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.	
591-1-125 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Met
Comment	
Center appears clean and well maintained.	
591-1-126 Playgrounds(CR)	Met
Comment	
Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.	
	Food Service
591-1-115 Food Service & Nutrition	Met
Comment	
Center menu meets USDA guidelines.	
591-1-118 Kitchen Operations	Met
Comment	
Kitchen appears clean and well organized.	
	Health and Hygiene
591-1-110 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)	Met
Comment	
Proper diapering procedures observed.	
591-1-117 Hygiene(CR)	Met
Comment	
Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.	
591-1-120 Medications(CR)	Met
Comment	
Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.	

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

# **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 tornado drills were not conducted every six months in the 2018 and 2019 year. A fire drill was not documented for December 2019.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years. Two drills were conducted during the year, however they were not completed every six months as required. The center will plan and mark the months the drills will be completed in order to ensure it is every six months.

Correction Deadline: 1/7/2020

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) N/A

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment** 

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Staff Records** 

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

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 04/21/2016

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 05/14/2019

Staff # 3

Date of Hire: 04/21/2016

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 07/01/2018

Staff # 5

Date of Hire: 09/09/2019

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 04/21/2016

Staff # 7 Met

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 04/21/2016

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 08/15/2019

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 08/06/2019

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 04/21/2016

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 03/06/2019

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 04/25/2019

#### Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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

Met

#### Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

## 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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training for the 2019 year.

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(3) - Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.