



**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:** 7/26/2018    **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 10:00 AM    **Departure:** 3:00 PM

**CCLC-49360**

**Clark's Learning Center**

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**Quality Rated:**

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
07/26/2018	Initial Licensing Study	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.

**Deficient** - 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	1L (2 years)	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	1R (5-12 yrs)		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	2L (3-12 yrs)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	2R (Infants -1 year)	Infants and One Year Olds	0	6	NC	9	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 62						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 26			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 62			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/toddler	14	C
Main	School age Playground	112	C

**Comments**

This facility was granted permission to operate on this date.

This licensed facility does not carry liability insurance. A sign is posted on the posted notice board.

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).



**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.

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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.

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**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.

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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.

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

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Toni Clark, Program Official

Date

Angela Byrd, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

### Activities and Equipment

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)****Met**

**Correction Deadline: 4/20/2018**

**Corrected on 7/26/2018**

**.12(2) - It was determined by consultant's observation the changing table top was new and had no cracks.**

**Comment**

On this date, Consultant observed equipment, furniture and toys throughout the Center/Home, to be non-hazardous, fully-secured, and not able to cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over.

**Correction Deadline: 7/26/2018**

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

On this date, the Center Director/Administrator stated that the program will not participate in Swimming/water activities, in water measuring two (2) feet in depth or greater. Consultant discussed Swimming/water requirements with Center Director/Administrator, prior to the visit and on this date. Consultant also stated to Center Director/Administrator that prior to participating in Swimming/water activities, in any type of equipment holding water two (2) feet in depth or greater, the Center is required to contact the assigned Bright from the Start: Regional Consultant, to discuss and review Swimming/water activity Rules.

### Facility

**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed 25 square feet rule.

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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 4/20/2018**

**Corrected on 7/26/2018**

**.25(13) - It was determined based on consultant's observation there were no potentially hazardous items accessible to children on this date.**

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

**Not Met**

**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 Consultant's observation on Playground A the swinging and climbing equipment lacked resilient surfacing, in some areas the resilient surface measured one (1) inch and not the required six (6) inches.

**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: 8/5/2018**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure the black cord that is found on Playground B is covered and kept inaccessible from the children. As of this date, the black cord was high on the building out of the reach of the children. Cord has potential of falling due to it not being surely attached to the building.

**Correction Deadline: 7/26/2018**

**Food Service**

**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**

**Met**

**Comment**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk  
5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk  
2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 4/20/2018**

**Corrected on 7/26/2018**

**.10(6) - On this date consultant observed proper diaper changing procedures and did not observe any hazards accessible to children.**

**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**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures on this date.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met****Correction Deadline: 4/25/2018****Corrected on 7/26/2018****.21(3) - It was determined based on consultant's review tornado drills were documented for the following months, February, March, April, May, and June.**

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

591-1-1-.36(4)(e) - Please ensure the seats are watched careful and maintained so that the cracks are covered so that the foam can not be removed by the children.

**Correction Deadline: 7/27/2018**

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

On this date, Consultant observed six (6) of six (6) cribs used for sleeping and resting, to meet Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards. Manufacturer's date on the six (6) cribs were December 28, 2012. Consultant also discussed all Infant Safe Sleeping and Resting requirements with Center Director, prior to the visit and on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 8/5/2018**

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 5****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2018

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2018

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2018

Staff # 4

Met

**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

Date of Hire: 07/26/2018

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2018

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

On this date, Consultant observed a Satisfactory Gelmato COGENT Criminal Records Check Determination letter, regarding five (5) of five (5) Center Employees. Consultant also discussed all Gelmato COGENT Criminal Records Check requirements with Center Owner, prior to the visit and on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 4/20/2018**

**Corrected on 7/26/2018**

**.32(2) - It was determined based on consultant observation the center was in ratio and had direct supervision of the children.**

**Correction Deadline: 4/20/2018**

**Corrected on 7/26/2018**

**.32(4) - It was determined based on consultant observation two year old were housed separate from the three years and older children.**

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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs on this date.