



**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: 10/24/2018 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-50126

Little Blessings Childcare

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Quality Rated: No

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 10/24/2018 | 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 | Room A | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1 | 12 | C | 37 | C | NA | NA | Transitioning |
| Main | Room B | Two Year Olds | 2 | 17 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | Outside |
| Main | Room C | One Year Olds | 2 | 11 | C | 14 | C | NA | NA | Free Play |
| Main | Room D | Infants | 2 | 8 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | Feeding, Nap |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks | | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 48 | | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main | Playground A | 37 | C |
| Main | Playground B (Infant and Toddler) | 31 | C |

Comments

Congratulations! This facility was granted permission to operate on this date.

This licensed facility carry liability insurance.

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.dec.al.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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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.

- 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).

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

Sherry Ellison, Program Official

Date

Angela Byrd, Consultant

Date



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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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - On this date, Consultant observed equipment, furniture and toys throughout the Center, to be non - hazardous. However, please ensure in Classroom D the crockpot and refrigerator is fully - secured, and not able to cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. Consultant observed items on this date, to be on a high self inaccessible to the infants.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2018

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

The program has no capacity limitations.

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

Met

Comment

Please ensure the fan in Classroom C remains inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2018

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

Due to Hurricane Michael the center's playground was hit bad. Consultant observed on this date the fence to be bent where trees had been blown on top of it. Center is working hard to get things back in order.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2018**Comment**

Due to Hurricane Michael, the resilient surface was blown throughout the playground. Please ensure to fluff and redistribute. Consultant discussed with the Director about the fall zones for the swings and climbing structure on Playground A. Consultant left literature with the Director on fall zones.

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2018**Comment**

Due to Hurricane Michael, the center playground area was badly damaged. Consultant observed the fence to be bent where trees had fallen on top of it. Center is working really hard on the clean up of the out door space.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2018

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on consultant's observation the exhaust fan in Classroom C was not functioning.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning or that the required amount of operable window space is provided in each diapering area.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2018

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Center Director stated that no medications are being administered at this time. Consultant discussed Medication requirements with Center Director, prior to the visit and on this date.

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)**Met****Comment**

The Center Director stated that the Center will not provide routine Transportation and Field Trips at this time. Consultant discussed with Center Director all requirements needed in order to transport and conduct field trips with children. Consultant also stated to Center Director that prior to providing Transportation and/or Field Trips, the Center is required to complete and maintain documentation of current CPR and First - Aid Training, as well as two (2) clock hours of Transportation Training, regarding the Center Director and all Center Staff participating in any aspect of Transportation, and ensure all Transportation/Field Trip checklists/forms and vehicle requirements are met. Further, Consultant stated to Center Director, that prior to providing Transportation and/or Field Trips, the Center is required to contact the assigned Bright from the Start: Regional Consultant, to discuss and review all Transportation and Field Trip requirements.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2018

Corrected on 10/24/2018

.30(2) - On this date, consultant observed seven (7) infants sleeping in their cribs, cribs were free of all hazards.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 10**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2018

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2018

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2018

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2018

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2018

Staff # 6 Met

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 10/24/2018

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2018

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2018

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2018

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2018

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 10

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

Met

Comment

On this date, Consultant observed a Satisfactory Gelmato COGENT Criminal Records Check Determination letter, regarding ten (10) of ten (10) Center Employees. Consultant also discussed all Gelmato COGENT Criminal Records Check requirements with Center Owner, prior to the visit and on this 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

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

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

Met

Comment

A diapering supervision plan was created on this date for Classroom B, C, and D.