



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/11/2019 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:15 AM **Departure:** 4:20 PM

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Quality Rated: No

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
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| 02/11/2019 | 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 | A-1st Right | | 0 | 0 | C | 13 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | B-2nd Right | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds | 1 | 2 | C | 9 | C | NA | NA | Diapering,Lunch |
| Main | C-1st left | | 0 | 0 | C | 10 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | D-2nd Left | | 0 | 0 | C | 12 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | E- 3rd Back right | | 0 | 0 | C | 5 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | F- Downstairs-1st Left | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1 | 6 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | Transitioning,Na p |
| Main | G-Downstairs- Back Room | | 0 | 0 | C | 12 | C | NA | NA | |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 69 | | | | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | Building @35 capacity limited by Playground Limitations | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 8 | | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 69 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Playground A Preschool | A-Preschool | 12 | C |
| Playground B Infant and Toddlers | B-Infant and Toddlers | 11 | C |


Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a change of ownership initial licensing visit on this date. The provider will be issued a temporary license until the required Zoning verification, Annual Fire Inspection, Certificate of Occupancy and Water/Septic Tank approval is submitted.

The provider has submitted supervision plan for the route to the playground and to ensure licensed capacity is maintained during transitions.

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.dec.state.ga.us/>
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.state.ga.us

Sherika Moon, Program Official

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-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.03(2) The consultant observed current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2019

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.12(4) The consultant discussed with the Director to ensure equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. The consultant did not observe any equipment to present a hazard on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2019

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. The consultant discussed with the provider to contact the regional consultant before any swimming activities are provided to ensure DECAL rules and regulations are followed.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

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| Child # 1 | Met |
| Child # 2 | Met |
| Child # 3 | Met |

Child # 4

Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized. The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure all fields are completed for the emergency pick-up person.

Comment

591-1-1-.08(6) The consultant discussed with the provider to monitor the children's daily arrival and departure records to ensure they included the child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the parent or authorized person at the time of arrival and departure.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2019

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Comment

The consultant discussed with the provider to monitor the restrooms for necessary supplies such as paper towels, tissue and soap.

Finding

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation, that the ventilation fans were not working in the upstairs restrooms on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation.

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2019

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity was limited to 69 children. The playgrounds licensed have a combined capacity of 23 children, therefore the total capacity is limited to meet the 1/3 requirements.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - The consultant observed in classroom E chipped paint on the lower wall air vent and classroom F the vent was dented making it not flush with the wall. The provider was in the process of making the necessary repairs.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2019

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26 - The consultant discussed with the provider the trees located on the site and trees that encroach onto the site from adjacent properties may have structural issues that present an elevated level of risk. Consider having these trees inspected by a certified arborist to determine their structural integrity and associated levels of risk.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure the fence remains attached to the post to prevent gaps.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2019

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 the consultant observation, playground B Infant/toddlers had exposed rocks and thorny tree roots, fallen sticks and uneven surface posing a hazard. Playground B deck and steps from the upstairs three-year old classrooms had green chipped paint leading to the preschool playground.

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. The provider stated, the tree roots, fallen sticks and exposed rocks will be removed and mulch will be added to make the surface leveled. The deck and steps will be painted.

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2019

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| Food Service |
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591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

The consultant discussed with the provider USDA guidelines to ensure meal components are met.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.18(4) - The consultant observed the shield to be missing from the light fixture. The provider had the light shield on the premises, but the shield was the wrong size for the fixture.

Correction Deadline: 2/21/2019

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| Health and Hygiene |
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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 in the one-year old classroom on this date. The staff stated the various times staff and children wash hands.

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

The provider currently does not dispense/administer medication. The consultant discussed with the provider to contact the regional consultant before medication is provided to review DECAL rules and regulations.

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| Policies and Procedures |
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591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.21(3) The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure fire drills are conducted monthly, tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The center was advised to maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years.

Correction Deadline: 2/16/2019

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Met

Comment

The provider stated the center does not provide routine transportation at this time. The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure the regional consultant is contacted before transportation can be provided to review the required training, transportation forms and vehicle inspection requirements.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

591-1-1-.30(1)(a) The consultant observed the provider to have twelve (12) cribs that met the CPSC standards on this date. The provider will ensure the required spacing of the cribs is maintained.

Correction Deadline: 2/21/2019

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

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| Staff # 1 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 01/22/2019 | |
| Staff # 2 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 01/03/2019 | |
| Staff # 3 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 01/03/2019 | |
| Staff # 4 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 01/03/2019 | |
| Staff # 5 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 01/03/2019 | |

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations. The consultant discussed with the director to ensure an Action Plan is available for review for any lead teacher enrolled in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete credential within 18 months.

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| Staffing and Supervision |
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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. The provider has supervision plans for the route to the playgrounds and restrooms.