



**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:** 2/28/2020 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:50 AM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

**CCLC-52363**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.
02/28/2020	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			<b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - 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	I Middle AS area		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room A (1st Right)	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room B (1st Left)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room C (2nd Right)	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room D (2nd Left)	One Year Olds	1	5	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room E (3rd Right)	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room F (3rd Left)		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room G (4th Right)	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room H (4th Left)	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 102			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 56			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 102							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A (Rear)	78	C
Main	Playground B (Toddler)	21	C

### Comments

A temporary license was issued on this date pending fire co, building co, zoning, and corporation papers.

A permanent renewable license was issued on 6/4/2020

This center carries liability insurance.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/27/2020

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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.state.ga.us/> 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.

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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@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us).

- 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.state.ga.us/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).

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](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

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Brandy Stokes, Program Official

Date

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Jessica Bailey, 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**

**Comment**

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

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

**Met**

**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.

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on consultant's observation, the following hazardous items were found to be accessible to children:

**Room A:**

- A bottle of hand sanitizer located on the counter
- Febreze room spray located on the counter
- OFF bug spray located on the counter
- A clear bottle labeled "bleach water" located on the counter

**Room B:**

- Teacher purse located on open shelving in the bathroom
- Teacher scissors in a cup located on the counter
- A clear bottle labeled "bleach water" located on the counter
- Broom and dust pan beside the classroom door

**Room C:**

- A clear bottle labeled "bleach water" located on open shelving
- Teacher purse located on open shelving

**Room G:**

- Teacher purse located on open shelving in the bathroom

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that hazardous items including cleaning solutions, cleaning supplies, and teacher purses are stored in a locked cabinet or closet where they are inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 2/27/2020**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the front left fence gate on Playground A contained a gap that was four and a half inches in width when the requirement is less than three and a half inches. Additionally, the consultant observed the back left fence gate on Playground A to contain a four inch gap when the requirement is less than three and a half inches. Further, the consultant observed sharp metal fence wires at the base of the front right fence gate on Playground A.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will lessen the gaps on the fence gates so that there is no more than a three and a half inch gap. Additionally, the center will remove the sharp metal from the base of the fence gate on Playground A.

**Correction Deadline: 2/27/2020**

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

**Comment**

The consultant observed non porous changing surfaces in all diapering classrooms on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 2/27/2020**

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**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**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Safety**

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation. If the provider decides to provide transportation, they will notify the regional consultant as well as obtain the mandatory two hour transportation training.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

**Comment**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a) The consultant observed twelve cribs in Room H that were safety approved in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards.

**Correction Deadline: 3/8/2020**

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 13**

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

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 02/04/2013

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2013

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 06/05/2013

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 01/25/2017

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 08/11/2015

Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 10/03/2016	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 03/15/2013	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 12/28/2015	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 03/17/2014	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 02/08/2016	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 08/22/2019	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 10/30/2019	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 01/01/2020	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. The consultant observed satisfactory comprehensive record check determinations for nineteen of nineteen staff members on this date.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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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.