

## 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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### **Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 9/30/2021 Arrival: 10:30 AM Departure: 11:30 AM VisitType: Monitoring Visit

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Compliance Zone Designation				
09/30/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
02/26/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
09/08/2020	Monitoring Visit	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

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
Building 2	Kindergarten		0	0	С	30	С	NA	NA	Not In Use
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 3	0		Total C ft.: 0	apacity @	25 sq.			
Main	Room A	Infants	1	3	С	15	С	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	Room B	One Year Olds	2	7	С	15	С	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room C	One Year Olds	1	8	С	21	С	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room D	Two Year Olds	1	10	С	25	С	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room E	Three Year Olds	2	16	С	28	С	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room F-3A	PreK	2	17	С	25	С	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room G-3B		0	0	С	25	С	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room H-Prek 4A	PreK	2	22	С	35	С	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room I-Prek 4B	PreK	2	16	С	35	С	NA	NA	Outside
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 2	24		Total C ft.: 0	apacity @	25 sq.	Building ( Centers F		city limited by

Total # Children this Date: 99 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 254 Total Capacity @25 sq.

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	D- 4-12 yrs	90	С
Main	PG A 6 wks-35 mths	39	С
Main	PG B-3-4 yrs	58	С
Main	PG C- Back Play	17	С

#### Comments

Background checks were all reviewed on September 27, 2021. A virtual inspection was conducted on September 30, 2021 with the director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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





## **Important New Deadlines:**

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: https://gualityrated.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

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)

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## **Findings Report**

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## The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

# **Activities and Equipment**

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

Met

## Comment

A virtual walk through was conducted on this date due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Upon the virtual walk through, a variety of equipment was observed to be clean, properly secured, and in good repair.

## 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.

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

Met

### Comment

A virtual walk through was conducted on this date due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The center appeared to be clean, well maintained, and safe from hazardous condition upon virtual walk through.

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

Met

## Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Food Service** 

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2021

## Corrected on 9/30/2021

.15(1) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed the menu to meet USDA guidelines.

#### Comment

591-1-1-.15(2) - Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of one (1) years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2021

#### Comment

591-1-1-.15(7) - Discussed new revision as of October 1, 2020, which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2021

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

## 591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures for staff and children during virtual visit

## 591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

#### Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

## **Policies and Procedures**

## 591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

## Comment

The consultant discussed the updated required reporting requirements regarding suspected cases of child abuse (at the center and/or home) reported to the Department of Family and Children Services, communicable illness required to be reported to the Department of Public Health, and temporary closure of the center via DECAL KOALA.

# Safety

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Met

## 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.

## 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.

# **Staff Records**

Records Reviewed: 17	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 09/04/2021	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 08/28/2019	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 08/12/2021	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90</u> <u>calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 06/01/2011	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 08/04/2021	Met  Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 09/14/2020	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 08/01/2016	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/13/2020	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 08/11/2013	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 09/05/2020	Met

Records Reviewed: 17 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 04/16/2012

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 08/20/2017

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2018

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 06/21/2021

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 10/09/2013

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 11/25/2019

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 02/18/2021

### Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8

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

Met

#### Comment

The director provided four files for staff members hired since the previous visit conducted on February 26, 2021. The consultant observed four of four newly hired staff members to have evidence of a satisfactory criminal record check letter on file.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the Director on this date.

## Comment

591-1-1-.32(7) - Discussed new revision as of October 1, 2020, which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2021