



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 2/25/2019    **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 10:00 AM    **Departure:** 2:00 PM

**CCLC-50333**

**Hinesville Childcare GA Pre-K & School Age Campus**

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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. |
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| 02/25/2019                         | Initial Licensing Study | Good Standing |  |

**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    | PreK      | 2                           | 20       | C    | 25                          | C                           | 35         | C            | Clean Up, Outside, Free Play |    |
| Main                           | B    |           | 0                           | 0        | C    | 25                          | C                           | 35         | C            |                              |    |
| Main                           | C    |           | 0                           | 0        | C    | 18                          | C                           | 26         | C            |                              |    |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:    |      |           |                             |          | 68   | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: |                             |            |              |                              | 96 |
| Total # Children this Date: 20 |      |           | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: |          |      | 68                          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: |            |              |                              | 96 |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | A          | 23                   | C                     |
| Main     | B          | 83                   | C                     |
| Main     | C          | 18                   | C                     |

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/25/2019

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

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.decal.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@decal.ga.gov](mailto: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.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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### 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 age appropriate equipment and toys were observed in the three rooms licensed this date.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool on site.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 4**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

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

**Technical Assistance**

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Discussed reviewing child enrollment forms to ensure they are complete with all addresses required.

**Correction Deadline: 2/25/2019**

### Facility

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

The capacity was limited to 68 children, as only 3 rooms were licensed during the visit. The director will submit an amendment form to the regional consultant to license any additional rooms prior to use.

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date. The center was observed clean and in good repair.

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

Discussed the following for Playground A and C, as they have not been used since opening and will be corrected prior to use: sharp metal gutters will be removed or covered, cement at the entrance/exit doors shall be made level with the ground so they do not present a trip hazard, sticks/limbs will be picked up and equipment will be pressure washed.

**Technical Assistance**

Discussed the following on the large wooden climber on Playground B: Please ensure that there are no more than 3.5 inches between vertical posts or at the bottom of the safety railing. In addition there was a small tree within the fall zone for the fireman pole. The tree should either be removed, or the fireman pole removed and the opening secured to prevent falls.

**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 observation that bolts were protruding on the gates located between Playground A and B and between B and C.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The bolts will be cut to no more than 2 threads past the bolt, and will be sanded so they are smooth to the touch. The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

**Correction Deadline: 3/11/2019**

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| <b>Food Service</b> |
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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Met****Comment**

The kitchen was inspected and observed clean and organized during the visit. The center is not currently using the kitchen, as meals are prepared at the other location and brought over each day. The center uses coolers to ensure that food remains at safe temperatures during transit and until served.

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

The center was not licensed for children under the age of three years. Center will ensure that there is a plan for diapering in the event that a child is enrolled with this need.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center after coming inside from the playground, and before and after lunch.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

**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-.13 Field Trips(CR)****Met****Comment**

There have been no field trips since the change of ownership.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children. The vehicles were observed clean and in good condition. The checklists were observed complete for routine AM and PM school transportation and staff had the required transportation safety training, current driver's license and CPR/First Aid training.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Mats, sheets and blankets were observed in good condition. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Program was not licensed for infants, therefore cribs were not required.

**Staff Records**

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

A satisfactory comprehensive background check was observed to be complete for eight current staff.

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Met****Comment**

Discussed: Health and Safety Orientation and CPR/First Aid Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire 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.

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**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.

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

A written supervision plan was created for accessing cubbies on this date.