



**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:** 5/1/2018      **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study      **Arrival:** 10:00 AM      **Departure:** 2:00 PM

**CCLC-48968**

**Bright Horizons Preschool**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
05/01/2018	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 - 2 year olds		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room B - Toddlers		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room C - Infants		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room D - School-Age		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room E - 3 year olds		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room F - 4 year olds		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 87

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 0

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	78	C

**Comments**

Congratulations this facility has been granted permission to operate on this date.

This licensed facility does not carry liability insurance. A sign is posted on the posted notice board.

Three (3) years and older will enter and exit the building through the back door of the building. This will prevent the children from crossing through the kitchen area. A note is posted on the front door.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/01/2018

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).



**Reminder:** All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com). You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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.decgal.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@decgal.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decgal.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://decgal.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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decgal.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@decgal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decgal.ga.gov)

Courtney Lane, 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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

On this date, Consultant observed equipment, furniture and toys throughout the Center, to be non - hazardous, fully - secured, and not able to cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over.

**Correction Deadline: 5/1/2018**

**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 the following capacity limitations: Classroom C (Infants) Director is limiting the room to ten (10) children due to the amount of equipment. Consultant discussed with the Director if she wanted to increase the capacity of Classroom C she would need to contact her Bright from the Start regional consultant.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

## Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

#### Finding

591-1-1-.10(2) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that renovate existing plumbing facilities, to have a hand washing sink with running heated water located adjacent to the diapering area. Flush sinks shall not be used for hand washing. Cleansing procedures in other facilities shall be approved by the Department. It was determined based consultant's observation in Classroom B, the sink present did not have warm running water.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will repair the heating element under the sink to provide warm running water in the diapering sink.

**Correction Deadline: 5/1/2018**

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

Met

#### Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date and prior to the visit.

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

Met

#### Comment

No children were enrolled in the program or present on this date. Consultant discussed proper medication documentation and administration procedures with Center Director/Owner, prior to the visit and on this date.

## Safety

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

Met

#### Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. Consultant observed the center's discipline policy and discussed regulations regarding proper discipline with the Center Director/Administrator, prior to the visit and on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

No children were enrolled in the program on this date. The Center Director/Administrator stated that the program will/will not provide Transportation and/or Field Trips, upon enrollment of children. Prior to the visit and on this date, Consultant discussed all Transportation and Field Trip requirements with Center Director and Administrator, regarding two (2) hour Transportation Training for Center Director and all Staff participating in any aspect of Transportation and/or Field Trips, CPR - First - Aid, proper Transportation/Field Trip documentation, vehicle requirements, regulations regarding walking field trips, checklists, name tags and parental permission forms. Consultant also stated to Center Director and Owner, that prior to conducting 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

#### Comment

On this date, Consultant observed ten (10) of ten (10) cribs used for sleeping and resting, to meet Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards. Consultant also discussed all Infant Safe Sleeping and Resting requirements with Center Director, prior to the visit and on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 5/10/2018**

## Staff Records

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)****Met****Comment**

On this date, Consultant observed a Satisfactory Gelmato COGENT Criminal Records Check Determination letter, regarding six (6) of six (6) Center Employees. Consultant also discussed all Gelmato COGENT Criminal Records Check requirements with Center Owner, prior to the visit and on this date.

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

On this date, Consultant observed Director's qualifications to meet requirements. Consultant also discussed with Center Director/Owner that all newly hired Lead Staff without qualifying educational credential, must enroll in an approved education program within six (6) months of Licensing/employee hire date, and complete the program within 18 months of Licensing/employee hire date.

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.

**Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

On this date, Consultant obtained a signed and dated written Supervision Plan from the Center, regarding diapering, in Classroom A, B, and C.