



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/21/2019 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:55 AM **Departure:** 12:40 PM

CCLC-50192

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
05/21/2019	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/16/2019	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/19/2018	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-Front- 3's & Up	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	12	C	16	C	Transitioning
Main	B-1L-Infant & 1's	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Nap
Main	C-Back-2's	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	9	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 31					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 35					
Total # Children this Date: 23			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 31			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 35				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	25	C

Comments

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.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

Montana Dawkins, 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

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.

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2019

Corrected on 5/21/2019

.08(1) - Previous citation corrected on this date as consultant observed that the required information was in five of five files reviewed.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2019

Corrected on 5/21/2019

.06(4) - Previous citation corrected on this date as consultant observed a functioning exhaust in the bathroom.

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2019

Corrected on 5/21/2019

.10(4) - Previous citation corrected today as consultant observed that the diapering surfaces in both diaper classrooms to be smooth and nonporous as required.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

Per Provider's statement no medication was administered since the last visit and on this date.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Met**

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2019

Corrected on 5/21/2019

.21(3) - Previous citation corrected on this date as consultant observed complete documentation of all required drills.

Safety

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

Center does not provide 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

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

Comment

Director provided two (2) files for employees hired since last visit.

Correction Deadline: 4/16/2019

Corrected on 5/21/2019

.09(1)(c) - Previous citation corrected on this date as consultant observed satisfactory Comprehensive Background Check clearance letters on file for all staff.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR **Met**

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2019

Corrected on 5/21/2019

.14(1) - Previous citation corrected as consultant observed evidence of CPR/First Aid training for the Director and more than 50% of staff.

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

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2019

Corrected on 5/21/2019

.33(2) - Previous citation corrected on this date as consultant observed documentation of Initial Orientation on file for all staff.

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2019

Corrected on 5/21/2019

.33(3) - Previous citation corrected on this date.

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2019

Corrected on 5/21/2019

.31(1)(c) - Previous citation corrected on this date as consultant observed that the new Director had the required educational credentials.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.