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Date: 6/20/2019 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:55 AM **Departure:** 11:45 AM

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Quality Rated: ★

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.
06/20/2019	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/26/2019	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/31/2019	Incident Investigation Closure	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-1st left	Six Year Olds and Over	1	7	C	27	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 25			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks				
Total # Children this Date: 7		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 25			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

Comments

The purpose of the visit today was to conduct a three month follow-up given the provider had a Temporary License. The provider was issued a License on this date.

The provider will submit an Amendment to the Regional Consultant once the additional classroom not licensed are ready to be added to the license.

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

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.

- 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).

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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

Cassidy Gates, 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-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.03(2) The consultant observed current week lesson plans on this date. The provider will ensure the template used reflect activities reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development.

Correction Deadline: 6/20/2019

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.12(4) The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. The provider did not have any equipment that posed a hazard on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/20/2019

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: 2/27/2019

Corrected on 6/20/2019

.08(1) - The provider had complete children records on this date. The provider will ensure the files are monitored for all required information and the emergency contact and release person's information.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Met**

Comment

The consultant observed the soap and paper towels at the handwashing sink. The provider will install a holder for the paper towels to ensure they are accessible.

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

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met on this date. The provider will submit an amendment for the rooms not licensed once they meet compliance. The provider is limited to twenty-five (25) children based on the number of toilets and sinks at this time.

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

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2019

Corrected on 6/20/2019

.25(3) - The provider building has been painted blue and the facility was in good repair on this date. The provider will ensure the space under the step in classroom A is fully enclosed.

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

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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, the far right side fence measured three (3) feet nine (9) inches above the dirt that is taking away from the height.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least four (4) feet high, and will repair any hazards. The provider added additional chain link fencing to the left, back, and far back right side, which will be continued to the far middle to front right side.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2019

Recited on 6/20/2019

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition **Met**

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines on this date. The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure any menu changes are noted on the posted menu.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations **Met**

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

No children enrolled who require diapering. School age children attend only for after school hours.

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

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The provider stated the center currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

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

591-1-1-.21(3) The consultant observed the emergency drill form to be current for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years.

Correction Deadline: 6/25/2019

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

The center does not provide routine transportation during the summer months. The consultant did not observe the vehicle on this date given it was off site.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

The provider is currently offering care for school-age summer camp that does not require a nap. The provider understands when preschool children are served during the school term that mats and cots must be used for nap time.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

The consultant discussed with the provider to create an action plan for any lead teacher's to provide proof of enrollment within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months that meet DECAL Lead Teacher requirement.

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.