



**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:** 8/29/2017    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 12:00 PM    **Departure:** 1:35 PM

**CCLC-46182**

**First Steps Child Care & Pre-K Academy**

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<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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
08/29/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/21/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/13/2016	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	

**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 1606	A	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			12		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Preschool bldg	B		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			25		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date:			5		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		37			
					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main 1606	Playground	21	C

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and follow up to the previous visit on March 21, 2017.

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).

	<p><b>Reminder:</b> All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before <b>January 1, 2017</b>. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit <a href="http://www.decalkoala.com">www.decalkoala.com</a>. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.</p>
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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.

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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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Angela Bennett, Program Official

Date

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Twylah Tyner, Consultant

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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**

Observed-Variety Throughout Center  
Monitor for wear and tear

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

Met

**Comment**

No Swimming Activities Provided

#### Evening Care

**591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)**

Met

**Comment**

Evening care not observed on this visit.

#### Facility

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

Met

**Comment**

Licensed Capacity Routinely Met

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

Met

**Comment**

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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

Met

**Comment**

Monitor equipment for wear and tear

#### Health and Hygiene

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

**Comment**

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

**Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge

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

**Comment**

Center not currently administering medication.

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**Safety**

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

**Comment**

Observed-Positive Learning Environment

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

No Field Trips at This Time

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

**Comment**

Observed-Complete Documentation

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

Discussed-SIDS/Infant Sleeping Position  
Observed pleasant naptime environment

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**Staff Records**

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

**Comment**

Criminal Records Check complete  
Director provided files for two staff hired since last visit. Files were complete.

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

**Comment**

Center staff were observed to comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Observed-Appropriate Staff:Child Ratios

**Comment**

Observed-Direct Supervision/Attentive Staff