



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Date:** 9/12/2018    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 8:55 AM    **Departure:** 10:30 AM

**CCLC-49306**

**My Father's Children, Inc.**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<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.
09/12/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/21/2018	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	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	3	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Breakfast
Main	B		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
Main	C	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			29		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			
Total # Children this Date: 8			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	playground	32	C

**Comments**

This was the first visit of the fiscal year. The facility does not provide routine transportation.

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).



**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.

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.

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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@decals.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decals.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://decals.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)



**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.decals.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@decals.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decals.ga.gov)

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Michelle Robinson, Program Official

Date

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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**

The Coordinator and staff members discussed disinfecting of the equipment and toys.

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

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Facility

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

**Comment**

Licensed capacity met on this date.

**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)** **Not Met**

**Technical Assistance**

The coordinator and director discussed cutting all protruding bolts to two threads and capping the bolts if they expose sharp jagged edges. The Coordinator observed four bolts to protrude more than two threads by the entrances on and off the playground.

**Correction Deadline: 9/12/2018**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based upon the coordinators observation that the following pieces of equipment posed a potential hazard to the children in care: The pink slide on the Little Tikes climber was cracked exposing sharp and jagged edges, the green dinosaur rocker was missing a left handle grip and a pink Cozy Coupe with a yellow top was missing a gas cap.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The indicated that she would repair/replace the broken equipment listed above.

**Correction Deadline: 9/22/2018**

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

<b>591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

<b>591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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**Comment**

The director stated that as of this date that no medication was being dispensed.

<b>Safety</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

<b>591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**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.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Director provided one file for an employee hired since last visit.

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

Met

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

Technical Assistance

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The coordinator and director discussed separating under three from older children except during the first and last hour of the day.

**Correction Deadline: 9/12/2018**

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591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.