



**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:** 9/14/2018    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 8:15 AM    **Departure:** 11:20 AM

**CCLC-3627**

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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.  <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.
09/14/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/14/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/20/2017	Complaint Closure	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
Annex	#2 Front R-Prek		0	0	C	20	C	27	C	
Annex	Back		0	0	C	20	C	28	C	
Annex	Open Area		0	0	C	23	C	32	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 63			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 138							
Main	A Second Right	Three Year Olds	1	3	C	16	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	B Back Center	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C First Left		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	D First Right	Infants and One Year Olds	1	7	NC	11	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
Main	E-Left/Cafe/office	Four Year Olds	1	10	C	27	C	NA	NA	Centers, Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 138							
Total # Children this Date: 24			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 138			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 138				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/14/2018

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.

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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Connie Holloway, 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-.03 Activities**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 5/14/2018**

**Corrected on 9/14/2018**

.03(2) - Correction observed on this date. Lesson plans posted covered all domains.

**Correction Deadline: 5/14/2018**

**Corrected on 9/14/2018**

.03(6) - Correction observed on this date. Children were observed on the floor on this date.

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

**Not Met**

**Comment**

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that 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. It was determined based on observation that in classroom E a printer was on a child sized table accessible to children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability. The center will remove the printer from children's access.

**Correction Deadline: 9/14/2018**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility**

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

591-1-1-.25(8) - Consultant discussed with the director the need to monitor outlets in use to ensure cords were secured and outlets inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 9/14/2018**

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical****Met****Correction Deadline: 5/21/2018****Corrected on 9/14/2018****.25(5) - Correction observed on this date. Fire Marshall stated all item had been repaired.**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****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 that around the heating and air conditioner unit the bottom of the gate had exposed sharp metal pieces accessible to children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

**Correction Deadline: 9/28/2018****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation and measurement that resilient surfacing was inadequate under the following items:

**Back Playground**

The brown structure with the sliding pole had 2" when 3" was required.

The brown climbing structure with the slide had 2" when 6" was required.

The monkey bars needed the resilient surface to be fluffed and redistributed to ensure fall zones were covered.

**Lower Playground**

The dome climber had 1" when 3" was needed.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency. The center will distribute the resilient surface they had.

**Correction Deadline: 9/28/2018****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please monitor the lower playground to ensure pine cones and sticks are removed before children go onto the playground.

**Correction Deadline: 9/14/2018**

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

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

**Correction Deadline: 5/14/2018**

**Corrected on 9/14/2018**

**.20(4) - Correction observed on this date. Medications were stored inaccessible to children.**

**Safety**

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

**Comment**

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

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

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 5/14/2018**

**Corrected on 9/14/2018**

**.30(2) - Correction observed on this date. Cribs had not items present with sleeping infants.**

**Correction Deadline: 5/14/2018**

**Corrected on 9/14/2018**

**.30(2)(c) - Correction observed on this date. Infants slept in cribs.**

**Staff Records**

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

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided two file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

**Defer**

591-1-1-.33(6)-Defer until January 1, 2019.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed. Consultant reviewed with the director that fire and safety training does not counted toward annual training except for the first year.

**Correction Deadline: 12/31/2018**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation and staff statements that in classroom D the ratio was 1:7. Present were five infants and two one-year-old children. The ratio needed was 2:7.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

**Correction Deadline: 9/14/2018**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.