



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 9/27/2018    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 3:00 PM    **Departure:** 4:00 PM

**CCLC-30186**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<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.
09/27/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/27/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/12/2017	Monitoring Visit	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	Room A	Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	11	NC	NA	NA	Snack
Main	Room B		0	0	C	43	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room C-1R	Infants and One Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	9	C	44	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	Room D - 1L		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			104		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 21			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 104		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Back Area	54	C
Main	B-Side area 3-12yrs	38	C

**Comments**

Please ensure that all staff members complete a comprehensive background check prior to October 1, 2018.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/27/2018

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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.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://dec.al.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.dec.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

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Stephanie Plummer, 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**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Facility

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on documentation reviewed the back classroom on the left side of the building had 12 children present in the classroom. The classroom is licensed for 11 children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

**Correction Deadline: 9/27/2018**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

### Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

	<b>Organization</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.16 Governing Body &amp; License</b>	<b>Not Met</b>
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**Finding**

591-1-1-.16(f) requires the application for a License or Permit, including the application for a criminal records check, to be truthfully and fully completed. In the event that the Department has reason to believe that the application has not been completed truthfully, it may require additional verification of the facts alleged. The Department may refuse to issue a License or Permit where false statements have been made in connection with the application or any other documents required by the Department. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that one staff present at the center and the person in charge at the center gave an incorrect name when asked their personal information.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The required additional verification will be submitted by the Center.

**Correction Deadline: 9/27/2018**

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

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

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<b>591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)</b>	<b>Met</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**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

	<b>Staff Records</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)</b>	<b>Not Met</b>
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**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires the Center to ensure that every Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of the Child Care Learning Center has a satisfactory records check determination before the individual is present at the Center or before the individual resides in a Center. It was determined based on review of records that a provisional employee hired on September 24, 2018 was present at the center without a satisfactory records check.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will obtain the Required Satisfactory Records Check Determination before an individual is present at the Center while any child is present for care or before residing in a Center.

**Correction Deadline: 9/27/2018**

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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)****Met****Comment**

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.