

# 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:** 3/3/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:35 AM **Departure:** 2:15 PM

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Quality Rated:

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03/03/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/14/2020	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
11/27/2019	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	Support Deficient

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.

**Good Standing** - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

Support - Program perfo

Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.
Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting

the rules.

#### Ratios/License Capacity

Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
1L	PreK	2	19	С	21	С	NA	NA	Centers
1R		0	0	С	14	С	NA	NA	
2L	PreK	2	19	С	19	С	NA	NA	Art,Transitioning
2R Back	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	С	19	С	NA	NA	Free Play
2R Front	One Year Olds	1	8	С	13	С	NA	NA	Free Play
3L	PreK	2	17	С	20	С	NA	NA	Circle Time
Left, Right Side Center	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	С	24	С	NA	NA	Centers
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Total # Children this Date: 83 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance	
Main	PG A	45	С	
Main	PG B Left Rear	51	С	
Main	PG C Right Side	32	С	

#### Comments

Please be sure to review the rules and regulations for updates. Provided the updated orientation checklist to the director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/17/2020

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, <a href="http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>, 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

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: <a href="http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx">http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx</a>

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).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <a href="https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/">https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/</a>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a>

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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)

Not Met

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that the equipment in the following classrooms were observed to be hazardous:

2R Back: A pretend play sink was observed to have the coating strip at the top of the sink chipping with sharp edges and the top was loose. Also, the bottom of the border on the back of the changing table was observed to be chipping.

2R Front: A pretend play stove was observed to be broken and not in working order where the door could open and close. There appeared to be a missing glass on the door of the stove and a metal piece was observed to be sticking out.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2020

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.12(6) requires that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area. It was determined based on observation that tables were observed in front of the shelves preventing access to the children and there were not enough books available to the children in the 2R Front classroom.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center director will ensure there is a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials in each room for each age group, that are stored on low, open shelves accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2020

#### 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)

Met

#### Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(8) - Please ensure that all outlets in the classrooms and in the hallways that are accessible to the children are covered when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2020

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please ensure that the Little Tikes equipment on the toddler playground is cleaned regularly especially after inclement weather and cracks are covered to prevent an injury if equipment will remain on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2020

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

#### 591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

#### 591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

#### Comment

The director currently does not dispense/administer medication since the last visit.

Safety

#### 591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

### 591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

**Not Met** 

#### Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date. The inspection was observed to be completed on April 1, 2019.

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) - Please ensure that all information is completed for all children being transported on their medical emergency forms.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2020

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(c) 3. requires that the driver or other designated person document in writing the time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that during the week of February 3, 2020, the return times were missing on Monday and Friday and during the week of February 24, 2020, the return time was missing on Monday from Partee Elementary School.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that each time of arrival and departure is documented by the driver or designated person with training, review and monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2020

#### Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on a review of records that the second signature was not completed on Tuesday afternoon trip during the week of February 17, 2020 from Shiloh Elementary School.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2020

# Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 requires that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child; and that mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick. It was determined based on observation that the mats in the 1L, 2R Back and Left, Right Side Center classrooms were observed to be torn.

#### **POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate the size and weight of the child and mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and is at least two inches thick. The center will utilize tape temporarily until mats can be replaced.

Correction Deadline: 3/10/2020

**Staff Records** 

Records Reviewed: 7 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 07/06/2016

**Records Reviewed: 7** 

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1** 

Staff # 2 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"
.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 08/03/2009

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2016

Staff # 5

Date of Hire: 08/02/2016

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 12/21/2017

Staff # 7

Date of Hire: 09/23/2019

#### Staff Credentials Reviewed: 10

#### 591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

#### Comment

Director provided two files for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/27/2019

#### Corrected on 3/3/2020

.14(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the CPR and First Aid were observed for all eliqible staff.

#### 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

**Not Met** 

#### Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined was determined based on a review of records that staff #3 did not have evidence of the Health and Safety Orientation Training being completed.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2020

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

#### Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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.