

# 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: 1/21/2021 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 8:20 AM Departure: 8:50 AM

CCLC-1350 Regional Consultant

Deficient

#### **Discovery Point #7**

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Quality Rated: 1



Compliance Zone Designation				
01/21/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
08/26/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
06/03/2020	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing		

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 performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting

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- 1st Lt Infants	Infants	1	4	С	19	С	NA	NA	Diapering,Floor Play
Main	B- 2nd Lt.Toddlers	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	С	16	С	NA	NA	Free Play,Diapering
Main	C- 3rd Lt. Young Twos	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	10	С	19	С	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	D1- Preschool Older Two 1st Rt	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	8	С	21	С	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	E- 2nd Rt Pre-k A	PreK	1	11	С	24	С	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	F- Middle School Age/Lunch Room		0	0	С	45	С	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G- 3rd Rt.Three's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	С	26	С	NA	NA	Outside
Main	H- Pre-k "B" 4th Rt		0	0	С	29	С	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I- 5th Rt Pre-k C/SA	PreK	2	17	С	27	С	NA	NA	Circle Time
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 2	26		Total C ft.: 0	apacity @	25 sq.			
Total # Cl	hildren this Date: 71	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 2	26		Total C	apacity @	25 sq.		·	

ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A: Left Front	26	С
Main	Playground B: Left Back	132	С

Playground C- Right 103

Side Back

C

#### Comments

Main

An Administrative Review was conducted on January 19, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on February 3, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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).



Please refer to the website, http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx, 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: 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.

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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#### The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

# **Activities and Equipment**

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

N/A

#### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

# **Children's Records**

# Records Reviewed: 5 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1 Child # 1 Child # 2 Met Child # 3 Met Child # 4 "Missing/Incomplete Components" .08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing Child # 5 Met

#### 591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.08(1) - Ensure a complete address for persons authorized to pick up children is obtained.

Correction Deadline: 1/21/2021

**Facility** 

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms Met

#### Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Licensed capacity observed to be met by center.

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through storage of cleaning supplies and possible hazards were discussed. There were no hazards observed to be accessible to the children this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the playground area was observed and appeared to be in good repair.

**Food Service** 

#### 591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

#### Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

#### 591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through food storage was observed. Food was observed to be stored on shelving, separately from cleaning products.

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

#### Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

# **Policies and Procedures**

#### 591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

#### Comment

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals N/A

#### Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date. Redirection/discussion stated to be used throughout the center.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

#### 591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

N/A

#### Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Met

#### Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

#### Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

#### Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

# Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. SIDS and infant sleeping position were discussed. Cribs and cots/mats were observed to be in good repair. Individual sheets and blankets were observed to be stored separately and were stated to be laundered appropriately.

Staff Records

#### **Records Reviewed: 20**

#### Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 02/15/2020

Staff # 2 Met

Staff # 3

Date of Hire: 10/12/2004

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 04/16/2019

Records Reviewed: 20	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 07/30/2015	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 09/26/2019	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 09/05/2007	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 12/16/1996	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 11/01/2015	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 12/15/2010	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 09/09/2019	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 12/31/2014	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 03/07/2016	Met
Staff # 19	Met
Staff # 20	Met
Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12	

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

Met

#### Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

#### Comment

Director provided one file for employees hired since last visit.

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

Met

#### Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Met

#### Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Met

#### Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020.

# **Staffing and Supervision**

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through appropriate ratio was observed.

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through adequate supervision was observed.