

# 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: 2/6/2019 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 1:30 PM Departure: 4:20 PM

CCLC-1485 Regional Consultant

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Quality Rated:



|            |  |               | <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 |   |  |  |  |
|------------|--|---------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| 02/06/2019 | Licensing Study                                  |               | standing, support  |   |  |  |  |
| 10/11/2018 | Complaint Closure                                | Good Standing | Good Standing  | <ul> <li>Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting<br/>the rules.</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |
| 10/11/2018 | Complaint<br>Investigation &<br>Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |  | <ul> <li>Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.</li> <li>Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting</li> </ul> |  |  |  |
|            | •  |               |  | the rules.  |  |  |  |

#### Ratios/License Capacity

| Building  | Room             | Age Group                             | Staff | Children | NC/C                            | Max 35<br>SF. | 35 SF.<br>Comp. | Max 25<br>SF. | 25 SF.<br>Comp. | Notes         |
|-----------|------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Main      | A-1st left       | Two Year Olds                         | 4     | 26       | С                               | 26            | С               | NA            | NA              | Nap           |
| Main      | B1-2nd left      | Infants                               | 1     | 5        | С                               | 12            | С               | NA            | NA              | Diapering     |
| Main      | B2-2nd left      |                                       | 0     | 0        | С                               | 12            | С               | NA            | NA              |               |
| Main      | C-3rd Left       | One Year Olds                         | 2     | 12       | С                               | 26            | С               | NA            | NA              | Snack         |
| Main      | D-1st right      | Three Year Olds and Four<br>Year Olds | 3     | 25       | С                               | 25            | С               | NA            | NA              | Nap           |
| Main      | E-2nd Right      | PreK                                  | 2     | 20       | С                               | 25            | С               | 35            | С               | Story         |
| Main      | F- 3rd right     | Six Year Olds and Over                | 1     | 5        | С                               | 26            | С               | 36            | С               | Transitioning |
|           |                  | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 1         | 52    |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 172 |               | 25 sq.          |               |                 |               |
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Total # Children this Date: 93 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 152 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 172

|          |            | Playground | Playground |
|----------|------------|------------|------------|
| Building | Playground | Occupancy  | Compliance |

#### Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/06/2019

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>

| Virgalitha Glover, Program Official | Date | Laurel Benta, Consultant | Date |
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### **Findings Report**

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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 variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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 Met

Child #2 Met

Child #3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child #4 Met

Child #5 Met

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

**Technical Assistance** 

### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.08(1) - Please ensure release person address is documented for all children.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2019

**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)

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that a can of aerosol and a bottle of water and bleach solution was located in an unlocked cabinet and accessible to children in the left side bathroom.

### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2019

### 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 the back fence on the school age playground had gaps between the bottom of the fence and the ground that measured five inches creating a potential entrapment hazard.

#### 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: 2/20/2019

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please monitor the blue and yellow horses for chipping paint and swing chains for rust.

Correction Deadline: 2/16/2019

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

#### Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

#### Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

#### Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

#### Comment

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

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

**Not Met** 

#### Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

### Finding

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined based on review of records that an employee hired on September 26, 2018, that was responsible for transportation duties did not have documentation of transportation training.

### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Director, Center Staff, and any person responsible for the transportation of children has completed the required transportation training.

Correction Deadline: 2/16/2019

## **Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Met

### 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.

Staff Records

#### **Records Reviewed: 16**

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/08/2016

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/24/2016

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 04/05/2017

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 06/26/2017

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 10/10/2018

Staff # 6

Not Met

Date of Hire: 06/05/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 06/27/2016

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 10/08/2018

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 01/09/2019

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2007

Staff # 11 Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/26/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.36(3)(a-b)-2 hrs. Transportation Training missing

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 09/28/1997

Staff # 13 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/13/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 06/26/2017

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 05/04/2015

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2016

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 16

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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.