



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/11/2018 **VisitType:** LS POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 2:10 PM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/11/2018	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing
05/21/2018	Licensing Study	Support
12/12/2017	Monitoring Visit	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 rules.

Deficient - 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	Room 1 1st left	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	9	NC	NA	NA	Homework
Main	Gymnasium		0	0	C	140	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm 10 4th Right		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm 5 3rd Right		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm 6 1st Right	Six Year Olds and Over	1	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Rm 7 3rd Left		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm 8 3rd Right		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm 9 3rd Left		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 224						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 25			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 224			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG	60	C

Comments

The consultant issued and discussed the compliance determination worksheet on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/11/2018

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).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.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@dec.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.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: <https://qualityrated.dec.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.ga.gov

Rita Baker, Program Official

Date

Penny Svenson, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a LS POI Follow Up:

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-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that there was not an exhaust fan that was operable in the boys bathroom or the girls bathroom as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

Correction Deadline: 10/11/2018

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2018

Corrected on 9/11/2018

The correction was observed on this date. The consultant observed another classroom to be opened and in use.

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

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2018

Corrected on 9/11/2018

The correction was observed on this date. The sofa was not observed at the center and the director stated it was thrown away.

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2018

Corrected on 9/11/2018

The correction was observed on this date. All of the outlets were covered on this date.

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

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

There were no children enrolled in the program on this date that required being diapered.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **Met**

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2018

Corrected on 9/11/2018

The correction was observed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/13/2017

Corrected on 9/11/2018

The correction was observed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2018

Corrected on 9/11/2018
The correction was observed on this date.
Correction Deadline: 5/22/2018

Corrected on 9/11/2018
The correction was observed on this date.
Correction Deadline: 5/21/2018

Corrected on 9/11/2018
The correction was observed on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment
This is an after school program only.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 6 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/07/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/07/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 06/14/2017	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 05/10/2007	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/13/2017	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/22/2014	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6

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

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2018

Corrected on 9/11/2018
The correction was observed on this date.

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

Comment
Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

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.