



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Date:** 2/26/2018    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 8:45 AM    **Departure:** 10:50 AM

**CCLC-17259**

**Big Apple Learning Center**

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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.
02/26/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/18/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/30/2017	Complaint Closure	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	
One	A-Front left		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA		
One	B- Back left	Infants	1	3	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap	
One	C-Back right	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Breakfast	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			52			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		
Two	D- Building Two		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA		
Two	E-Building Two Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	12	C	36	C	NA	NA	Circle Time	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			58			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		
Total # Children this Date:			28			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			110		
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
One	Infant-Toddler	13	C
Two	School age	169	C

**Comments**

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).



**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.

**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@decals.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decals.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://decals.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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decals.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@decals.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decals.ga.gov)

Frankie Jackson, Program Official

Date

Brandi Mangino, Consultant

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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)

Technical Assistance

##### Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the video game being used in the Room D was for teen use and the enrolled children at the center are not teenagers. Games need to be age appropriate.

##### Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed that the shelf in Room E that has the DVD player, radio and television box needs to be arranged so it does not pose a falling hazard.

In addition the cots in Room D need to be stored in a manner that they do not pose a falling hazard.

**Correction Deadline: 2/26/2018**

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

Met

##### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Evening Care

#### 591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)

Met

##### Comment

Consultant discussed evening time hours of staffing and supervision on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 2/26/2018**

### Facility

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

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2017

Corrected on 2/26/2018

.25(3) - Citation observed to be corrected.

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

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2017

Corrected on 2/26/2018

.26(4) - Citation observed to be corrected.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

**Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures Met

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2017

Corrected on 2/26/2018

.21(3) - Citation observed to be corrected.

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**Safety**

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 10****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 07/18/2017	
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/2016	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 12/09/2016	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/07/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 01/28/2015	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2017	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 12/01/2006	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 09/01/2006	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 03/03/2015	

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**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 10**

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

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

## Staffing and Supervision

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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.