



**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:** 2/5/2019    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 10:40 AM    **Departure:** 1:40 PM

**CCLC-1762**

**ABC Child Care Center #1**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                  |               |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 02/05/2019                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |
| 09/19/2018                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |
| 03/14/2018                         | 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 the 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                           | 1-Front room    | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1                              | 9        | C    | 18                             | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside, Transitioning |
| Main                           | 2- Back Left    | Three Year Olds                    | 2                              | 12       | C    | 13                             | C            | 18         | C            | Outside                |
| Main                           | 3- Back Right   | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds    | 2                              | 12       | C    | 14                             | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch                  |
| Main                           | 4-upstairs PreK | PreK                               | 2                              | 22       | C    | 20                             | NC           | 28         | C            | Transitioning          |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65 |                 |                                    |                                |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 78 |              |            |              |                        |
| Total # Children this Date: 55 |                 |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 78 |              |            |              |                        |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Back       | 31                   | C                     |
| Main     | Front      | 26                   | C                     |

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/05/2019

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, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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.state.ga.us](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us).

- 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.state.ga.us/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.state.ga.us/>  
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.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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Date

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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 there was also two nails protruding from the bottom draw of a dresser in the Pre-k room.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will pull the nails out of the draw.

**Correction Deadline:** 2/5/2019

**Recited on** 2/5/2019

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

N/A

#### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 3**

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

Child # 1

Met

Child # 2

Met

Child # 3

Met

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**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records****Met****Correction Deadline: 9/20/2018****Corrected on 2/5/2019****.08(1) - The previous citation has been corrected the three children files reviewed on this date were complete.****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****Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**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**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

**Correction Deadline: 9/24/2018****Corrected on 2/5/2019****.17(7) - The previous citation has been corrected. Observed warm running water at all sinks on this date.**

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met****Correction Deadline: 9/24/2018****Corrected on 2/5/2019****.21(1)(p) - The previous citation has been corrected. The center's emergency preparedness plans were complete.****Correction Deadline: 9/24/2018****Corrected on 2/5/2019****.21(3) - Observed documentation of drills.****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)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(6) requires written Parental authorization for routine transportation provided by or on behalf of the Center. Written authorization must include the routine pick-up location, routine pick-up time, routine delivery location, routine delivery times and the name of any person authorized to receive the child. It was determined based on review of records that the center did not have parental authorization for school transportation for 21 of 36 children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will obtain the required written parental authorization.

**Correction Deadline: 2/6/2019****Recited on 2/5/2019****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on a review of records that 21 of 36 children being transported to and from school did not have emergency medical information records on the vehicle.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

**Correction Deadline: 2/6/2019****Recited on 2/5/2019**

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 12****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

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Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 05/25/2011

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2016

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(4)-1st Yr. Training 4 Hrs. Missing

**Records Reviewed: 12**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Staff # 3<br>Date of Hire: 08/09/2000   | Met     |
| Staff # 4<br>Date of Hire: 01/31/2014   | Met     |
| Staff # 5   | Met     |
| Staff # 6<br>Date of Hire: 06/11/2007   | Met     |
| Staff # 7<br>Date of Hire: 06/20/2018<br><u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u><br>.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate   | Not Met |
| Staff # 8<br>Date of Hire: 12/02/2018   | Met     |
| Staff # 9<br>Date of Hire: 04/05/2013   | Met     |
| Staff # 10<br>Date of Hire: 01/21/2014  | Met     |
| Staff # 11<br>Date of Hire: 04/26/2017<br><u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u><br>.33(4)-1st Yr. Training 2 Hrs. (Abuse) Missing,.33(4)-1st Yr. Training 4 Hrs. Missing | Not Met |
| Staff # 12<br>Date of Hire: 01/28/2019  | Met     |

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**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 training at the time of employment that will count toward required annual training: Staff employed prior to September 30, 2016 will complete the training by December 29, 2016 and Staff employed after September 30, 2016 will complete the health and safety training within the first 90 days of employment. It was determined based on a review of records that one employee did complete the health and safety training.

**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.

**Correction Deadline: 3/7/2019**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.33(4) requires all Staff who provide any direct care to children, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers, to obtain ten (10) clock hours of training or instruction in child care issues from an accredited school or Department-approved source. At least six (6) of the clock hours must be divided as follows: four (4) clock hours of training in any of the following topics: disease control, cleanliness, basic hygiene, illness detection, illness disposition and childhood injury control and two (2) clock hours of training in identifying, reporting and meeting the needs of abused, neglected or deprived children. It was determined based on a review of records that two staff members did not complete the required 6 hour of first year training.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will plan and schedule training and follow up to ensure that direct care Staff complete the required hours of training in the required subjects.

**Correction Deadline: 2/28/2019**

**Recited on 2/5/2019**

**Correction Deadline: 12/31/2018**

**Corrected on 2/5/2019**

**.33(6) - The previous citation has been corrected. Annual training for the year 2018 was complete for the required staff.**

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.