



**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:** 3/14/2018    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 8:45 AM    **Departure:** 11:50 AM

**CCLC-1762**

**ABC Child Care Center #1**

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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.
03/14/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/15/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/14/2017	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
Main	1-Front room	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	2- Back Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	9	C	13	C	18	C	Transitioning, Circle Time
Main	3- Back Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Music
Main	4-upstairs PreK	PreK	2	16	C	20	C	28	C	Breakfast, Transitioning

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 78

Total # Children this Date: 45

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

**Comments**

A revised copy of this report was emailed to the center on March 25, 2018.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/14/2018

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).



**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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.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.al.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.dec.al.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.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

Dedria Myers, Program Official

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 the following equipment hazards were present:

Pre-K room:

- There was also two nails protruding from the bottom draw of a dresser
- tears in the red couch.

Front classroom:

- 2 cracked lids on two small toy bucket

Two year old classroom:

- peeling paint on the children chairs
- two small metal pins were protruding from a wooden shelf/stand in the back left corner

One year old classroom

- peeling tape and holes on the red couch

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will remove, repair or replace the cited items. The director stated that maintenance has been made aware of some the items and will ensure all the cited items are repaired.

**Correction Deadline: 3/18/2018**

**Recited on 3/14/2018**

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

Met

#### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**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)** **Not Met**

**Finding**

Previously Cited: 591-1-1-.26(8) requires the playground to be kept clean, free of litter and hazards. It was determined based on observations that several hazards existed on the toddler playground. In the left corner of the playground several wooden vines were observed to be hanging low into the children play space. A wooden slate was cracked on the green deck. In addition, several staples and screws were accessible to the children on the back of the brown wooden playhouse.

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed on the right toddler playground:

- peeling paint was on the green castle walls and on the rail of the white bridge
- a large flower pot with cracked sharp plastic edges
- three holes were observed at the bottom of the wall inside the wooden playhouse.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

To ensure the cleanliness, sanitation and safety of the playground, the center will fix any cited hazards and check play ground daily.

**Correction Deadline: 3/24/2018**

**Recited on 3/14/2018**

<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition** **Met**

**Comment**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3

Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://decals.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Staff stated 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.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The director stated that the center has not dispensed any medication since the last visit.

**Safety**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

**Not Met**

**Correction Deadline: 8/20/2017**

**Corrected on 3/14/2018**

**.36(4)(a) - Observed annual vehicle inspections for both buses.**

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2017**

**Corrected on 3/14/2018**

**.36(4)(b) - The center has placed tape over the tears on the seats.**

**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 17 children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will obtain the required written parental authorization. The consultant left a copy of the form with the staff.

**Correction Deadline: 3/15/2018**

**Recited on 3/14/2018**

**Correction Deadline: 8/16/2017**

**Corrected on 3/14/2018**

**.36(7)(b) - The center had vehicle emergency medical forms on file.**

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The children mats and cots were in good condition and stored as required.

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 12**

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

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 05/25/2011

Staff # 2

Met

**Records Reviewed: 12****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 10/14/2016

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 08/09/2000

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 12/15/2017

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 01/31/2014

Staff # 6 Met

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 06/11/2007

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 12/05/1985

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 04/05/2013

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 01/21/2014

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 04/26/2017

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 03/14/2018

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR) Met**

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2017

Corrected on 3/14/2018

.09(1)(e) - Criminal record checks were complete

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met**

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2018

Corrected on 3/14/2018

.33(3) - The previous citation has been corrected. Health and Safety training was complete for all required staff.

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

**Comment**

Lead teachers credentials are still compliant.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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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.