



**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:** 8/16/2017    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 9:30 AM    **Departure:** 2:30 PM

**CCLC-1991**

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<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.
08/16/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/15/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/15/2016	Monitoring Visit	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	Front	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	41	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Right Side	Four Year Olds	1	4	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 55			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Second Building	Front Classroom	Infants	4	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 12			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 23		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 67			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	playground	0	C

**Comments**

Left a one day letter.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/16/2017

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).



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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@decga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decga.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://decga.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)

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Maxine Maddox, Program Official

Date

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Laura Swann, 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)

Met

#### Comment

Observed-Variety Throughout Center

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

Met

#### Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

### Facility

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

Met

#### Comment

Licensed Capacity Routinely Met

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

Not Met

#### Finding

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that there was a hole in the tile floor in the infant room.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

**Correction Deadline: 9/15/2017**

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**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 bottom left side fence had exposed sharp metal spokes and cement.

**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. The center will cover the sharp spokes and cement.

**Correction Deadline: 8/17/2017****Recited on 8/16/2017****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that there was zero to one inch of resilient surface at the bottom of the slide when three inches is required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

**Correction Deadline: 8/26/2017****Finding**

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 there was a rake, shovel, broom and large pieces of wood on the playground located in front of the mail building. There were also vines with thorns growing out of the fence and on the playground.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

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

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

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

Staff stated proper knowledge.

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

Observed-Complete Documentation

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<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

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

**Comment**

No Routine Transportation Provided

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

Correct number of mats; proper storage.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

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Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 01/13/2013	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 11/25/2015	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 12/02/2015	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 02/05/2007	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 03/09/2012	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5**

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

**Comment**

Criminal Records Check complete

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.31(8)(a) requires the Center to ensure that volunteers age seventeen (17) and older that provide consistent services have a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination. It was determined based on a review of records that four volunteers that were present in two different classrooms did not have a satisfactory fingerprint determination from Bright From the Start, however they did have a National Background Check as provided by Corporation for National and Community Service.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will obtain a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination for a volunteer, age seventeen (17) and older that provides consistent services. The Center will ensure that every volunteer who is seventeen (17) and older and provides consistent services has a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination. Volunteers who are seventeen (17) and older and provide consistent services MUST have a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination to be at the facility when a child is present for care.

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

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Observed-Direct Supervision/Attentive Staff

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

**Comment**

Observed-Direct Supervision/Attentive Staff