



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 3/2/2018    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 10:25 AM    **Departure:** 12:40 PM

**CCLC-22146**

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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.
03/02/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/20/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/08/2017	Licensing Study	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	A-Left	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Free Play
Main	B-Center	One Year Olds	1	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Story, Centers
Main	C-Right	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 47						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 20			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 47			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	105	C

**Comments**

Consultant and Director discussed refilling the fire extinguisher in Room B and removing the swings or wrapping them higher around the base to be out of reach.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 03/21/2018

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)

Cynthia Andrews, Program Official

Date

Valarie Musselwhite, 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**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12(6) - Consultant and Director discussed lowering the blue table in Room C to be age appropriate for the size of the children in care.

**Correction Deadline: 4/1/2018**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Facility

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on an observation that the light fixture in the restroom of Class B and the light fixture in Class C and Class A were missing the glass covering and exposing the light bulb. Furthermore, the toilets of the restroom in Class B and C had exposed rusted bolts at the base of the toilet.

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**Correction Deadline: 3/30/2018**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(7) - Ensure storage rooms are locked and cabinets with items posing as a hazard to children remain locked.

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**Correction Deadline: 3/2/2018**

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

**Not Met**

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**Correction Deadline: 10/4/2017**

**Corrected on 3/2/2018**

**.26(4) - Correction of previous citation in that gaps were fixed using wooden boards.**

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**Correction Deadline: 10/4/2017**

**Corrected on 3/2/2018**

**.26(6) - Correction of previous citation in that swings are rolled up over the top of the swinging base and out of reach and out of use of children in care. Director plans to remove the swings until the center can purchase new swings.**

**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 an observation, that the resilient surfacing beneath the monkey bars climbing equipment was observed to have grass growing through it, resulting in the resilient surfacing no longer being resilient.

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**Correction Deadline: 3/30/2018**

**Recited on 3/2/2018**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.15(2)(a) requires Center Personnel to hold and feed infants less than six months of age and older children who cannot hold their own bottles or sit alone. Baby bottles shall never be propped; the infant's head shall be elevated while feeding. It was determined based on an observation that a bottle was propped using a blanket in Class A.

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**Correction Deadline: 3/2/2018**

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

**Not Met**

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on an observation that the teacher in Room A did not clean the diaper changing surface after changing a diaper.

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**Correction Deadline: 3/2/2018**

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

**Comment**  
Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

**Correction Deadline: 9/20/2017**

**Corrected on 3/2/2018**  
.20(4) - Correction of previous citation in that consultant did not find any hazards or medication accessible to children on this date.

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**Safety**

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

**Comment**  
Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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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)** **Not Met**

**Technical Assistance**  
591-1-1-.30(1)(b)4 - Ensure a light cover is provided for each child during rest time.

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**Correction Deadline: 3/2/2018**

**Finding**  
591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on an observation that an infant was asleep in a bouncy seat in Room A upon the consultant's arrival to the center.

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**Correction Deadline: 3/2/2018**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(4) - Ensure cot sheets are stored without touching in Room B.

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**Correction Deadline: 3/2/2018**

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 4**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/23/2012

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 10/04/2016

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 06/11/2012

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 06/16/2008

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4**

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

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR** **Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of records that one staff did not have current First Aid and CPR training.

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**Correction Deadline: 3/30/2018**

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**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 staff hired in 2012 did not have the required Health and Safety Orientation Training.

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**Correction Deadline: 4/13/2018**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on a review of records that two lead teachers do not have the required credential.

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**Correction Deadline: 3/2/2018**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on an observation that Class B and Class C were combined for center time in Classroom B. While combined, the children's ages ranged between one and three years old.



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**Correction Deadline: 3/2/2018**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.