



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 11/27/2018 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:50 AM

**Departure:** 12:50 PM

**CCLC-23650**

**The Lady Bamford Early Childhood Education 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.
11/27/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/06/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/20/2017	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-Cruisers	One Year Olds	2	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B-Creepers	Infants	1	3	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap
Main	C-Explorers	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D-Trail blazers	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E-Navigators	PreK	2	14	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	F-Jaquars	PreK	2	19	C	23	C	NA	NA	Snack

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 83

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations

Total # Children this Date: 58

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 83

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/27/2018

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).



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)

Kimberly Simmons, Program Official

Date

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

### Activities and Equipment

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 6/6/2018**

**Corrected on 11/27/2018**

**.12(2) - Observed corrected.**

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

**N/A**

**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 observation that in Rooms C, D, and E the cubbies were chipping paint and wood and accessible to children in care.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 12/11/2018**

**Recited on 11/27/2018**

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

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) Not Evaluated

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety**

591-1-1-.05 Animals N/A

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) Met

**Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) N/A

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. No SIDS hazards observed.

**Comment**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 16**

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

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 09/17/2018

Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 08/15/2018	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 08/16/2013	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 05/14/2018	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 09/15/2009	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 11/01/2007	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 11/15/2010	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 01/15/2013	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 08/13/2018	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 08/06/2007	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 09/08/2009	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 04/01/2005	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 09/06/2000	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 10/31/2017	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 08/01/2017	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 04/17/2017	Met

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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.

**Comment**

Director provided four files for employees hired since last visit.

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Met**

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<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.