

# Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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**Date:** 6/1/2021 Arrival: 10:00 AM Departure: 11:00 AM VisitType: Licensing Study

# CCLC-24436 Kids Come First Early Learning Centers #1

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Quality Rated:



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Compliance Zone Designation				
06/01/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
12/18/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
09/24/2020	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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

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	A (Far Back)	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	С	8	С	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B (Back Right)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	С	7	С	NA	NA	Outside
Main	C (2R)		0	0	С	10	С	NA	NA	
Main	D (1R)		0	0	С	25	С	NA	NA	
Main	E (1L)	Three Year Olds	1	9	С	13	С	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	F (Back Left)	Six Year Olds and Over	1	9	С	6	NC	NA	NA	Lunch
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 6	9		Total C ft.: 0	apacity @	25 sq.			

Total # Children this Date: 28 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 69 Total Capacity @25 sq.

Deficient

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance	
Main	Playground	114	С	

An Administrative Review was conducted on June 1, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on June 1, 2021 with the director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 1, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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, <a href="http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>, 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@decal.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:  $\underline{ \text{http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx} }$ 

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).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <a href="https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/">https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/</a>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or <a href="mailto:gualityrated@decal.ga.gov">gualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a>

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Vicky Adu-King, Program Official	Date	Beth Holland, Consultant	Date

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# The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equi	
591-1-112 Equipment & Toys(CR)	Met
Comment	
Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety for school aged children.	
591-1-135 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)	Met
Comment	
Center does not provide swimming activities.	
	Facility
591-1-119 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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

**Technical Assistance** 

# **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26 - Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazards:

- -Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and toys.
- -Potential entrapment hazards in the fence surrounding the playground area.
- -Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e. ants, bees, etc.).
- -Loose and/or weak tree branches surrounding the playground area.
- -Standing water in and around playground equipment after inclement weather.

**Food Service** 

# 591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

# Comment

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

# **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

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

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

Met

#### Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

**Technical Assistance** 

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591-1-1-.11 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Met

# Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

# **Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Met

# Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Staff Records** 

# **Records Reviewed: 7**

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 07/27/2009

Staff # 2 Met

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 01/16/2009

Staff # 4 Met

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff #5

Date of Hire: 03/15/2009

Staff #6

Met

Met

Date of Hire: 11/05/2019

Staff #7

Met

Date of Hire: 08/03/2020

# Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3

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

Met

### Comment

Director provided three files for employees hired since last visit on December 18, 2020. All employees have evidence of comprehensive background letters.

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

Met

# Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 1, 2021.

# **Staffing and Supervision**

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

Met

#### Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

# Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.