

# 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: 1/4/2019 VisitType: Complaint Investigation & Arrival: 10:35 AM Departure: 2:40 PM

Licensing Study

CCLC-25418

# **ABC, Another Bright Creation**

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Same

Quality Rated:



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Compliance Zone Designation				
01/04/2019	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing		
07/30/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
06/11/2018	Complaint Closure	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

Deficient - Prog

 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.		25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	B-2L	Two Year Olds	1	9	С	24	С	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	C-3L		0	0	С	13	С	NA	NA	
Main	D-3R (Rear)	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	9	С	21	С	NA	NA	TV,Diapering
Main	E-2R	PreK	2	15	С	45	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	F-1R GA PreK	PreK	2	20	С	24	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Infants-1L	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	С	15	С	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap
_		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 1	42		Total C	apacity @	25 sq.			

Total # Children this Date: 59 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 142

Total Capacity @25 sq.

ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	19	С
Main	В	170	С

### Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/04/2019

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: <a href="http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx">http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx</a>

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:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a>

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# The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

# **Activities and Equipment**

591-1-1-,03 Activities Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that all lesson plans are up to date and posted.

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2019

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

Met

Comment

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

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility** 

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms Met

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

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 consultant observed a trail of live ants in classrooms B and C.

# 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. Center owner scheduled pest control to come out and spray at the C.O.B today.

Correction Deadline: 1/5/2019

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

Not Met

#### **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 the orange tractor on playground B was observed to have chipping paint. It was further determined based on observation that the yellow 5 seat tricylce was observed to have cracks in three of the seats.

### **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: 1/18/2019

# Food Service

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

Met

#### Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

# 591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

#### Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

# 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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Met

#### Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Met

#### Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

# Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

# **Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Technical Assistance** 

**Technical Assistance** 

Please ensure mats are in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2019

# Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 13	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 6
Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/16/2017	
Staff # 2	Not Met
Date of Hire: 07/16/2018	
"Missing/Incomplete Components"	
.09-Criminal Records Check Missing	
Staff # 3	Not Met
Date of Hire: 08/24/2018	
"Missing/Incomplete Components"	
.09-Criminal Records Check Missing	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 07/21/2015	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 01/04/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 07/18/2014	
Staff # 7	Not Met
Date of Hire: 01/04/2016	
"Missing/Incomplete Components"	
.09-Criminal Records Check Missing	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 10/18/2017	
Staff # 9	Not Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2012	
"Missing/Incomplete Components"	
.09-Criminal Records Check Missing	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 08/11/2010	

Records Reviewed: 13 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 6

Staff # 11 Not Met

Date of Hire: 04/29/2015

"Missing/Incomplete Components"
.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 12 Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/29/2011

"Missing/Incomplete Components"
.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 06/04/2008

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 13

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

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(d) requires the Center to ensure that every Provisional Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center and must be supervised at all times by a Director or Employee with a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination. The Fingerprint Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Provisional Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records that two staff members with a national records check were not supervised by staff members with a comprehensive records check determination.

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Correction Deadline: 1/4/2019

#### Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined based on a review of records that five staff members comprehensive records check determination was not electronically ported as required by the department.

### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that only the most recently issued determination letter is electronically ported for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. Consultant observed the owner to port the five (5) individuals during the visit.

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2019

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

Met

#### Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.