



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 1/26/2021    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 2:20 PM    **Departure:** 3:15 PM

**CCLC-2632**

**Tiger Creek Head Start**

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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.
01/26/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/17/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/16/2020	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	A	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 21			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 17			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 21			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	39	C

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on January 25, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A walk through of the center was conducted on January 26, 2021. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on September 30, 2020 was reviewed during the inspection. Children were not present as the center is doing distance learning.

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, <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)

Terrie Griffin, 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****Comment**

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a walk through on January 26, 2021.

**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records****Records Reviewed: 3****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 1 Met

Child # 2 Met

Child # 3 Met

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records****Met****Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**Facility**

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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms** **Met**

**Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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**591-1-1-.19 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**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition** **N/A**

**Comment**

The center is currently doing distance learning.

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations** **N/A**

**Comment**

Meals are provided by the local school district.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

No children enrolled who require diapering.

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

**Comment**

Hand washing was not directly observed during the walk through on this date. Staff stated knowledge of proper hand washing procedures for staff and children.

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

**Comment**

The Director stated that no medication has been administered since the previous visit was conducted n September 17, 2020. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

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**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting** **Met**

**Comment**

Discussed reporting requirements.

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**Safety**

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

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

**Comment**

Children were participating in distance learning. Discipline was not directly observed during the walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**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)** **N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not serve infants.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 4**

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

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Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 10/28/2019

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 11/30/2020

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 08/16/2018

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 04/09/2001

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**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 0**

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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 for all staff observed during the visit or listed on the staff list provided by the Director.

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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-.33 Staff Training****Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training for the 2020 year.

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

Proper hand washing was not directly observed during the walk through on this date. Staff stated knowledge of proper hand washing procedures for staff and children.

<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)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

Children were not present as the center is doing distance learning.