

# 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: 6/9/2020 VisitType: Licensing Study Arrival: 1:00 PM Departure: 2:00 PM

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Compliance Zone Designation			
06/09/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/03/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/16/2019	Monitoring Visit	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** - 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	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	С	16	С	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	В	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	С	16	С	NA	NA	Outside
Main	С	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	7	С	20	С	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	С	20	С	28	С	Centers
Main	E	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	13	С	21	С	29	С	Free Play
Main	F		0	0	С	20	С	NA	NA	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 129					
Total # Cl	hildren this Date: 49	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 1	13		Total C ft.: 129	apacity @	25 sq.			

Building Playground		Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance	
Main	Plgd-A	13	С	
Main	Plgd-B	111	С	
Main	Plad-C	222	С	

#### Comments

The Administrative Review was conducted on June 9, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on June 24, 2020. An in person visit was not conducted due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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 qualityrated@decal.ga.gov

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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 virtual walk through on this date.

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

N/A

#### Comment

Swimming activities provided off site.

# **Children's Records**

# Records Reviewed: 5 Child # 1 Child # 2 Child # 3 Child # 4 Child # 4 Child # 5 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0 Met Met Met Met Met

#### 591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

#### Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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)

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2019

#### Corrected on 6/9/2020

.26(4) - This citation was corrected on this date. During a virtual visit all holes in the fence were observed to be repaired. No fence hazards were observed during the visit.

**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

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Met

#### Comment

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/Provider on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children.

#### Comment

Routine transportation is not being provided at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# **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: 14	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 03/07/2016	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 07/25/2017	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 09/09/2019	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 04/23/2009	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 03/21/2017	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 02/18/2020	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 02/13/2017	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/13/2018	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 01/30/2018	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 11/04/2019	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 10/18/2004	Met
Staff # 12	Met

Records Reviewed: 14 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 08/12/2019

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 11/16/2018

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 07/17/2019

#### Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6

#### 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 the last visit.

## 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-.33 Staff Training

Met

Met

#### Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

#### Comment

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 12, 2020.

# 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

#### Correction Deadline: 6/19/2018

#### Corrected on 6/9/2020

.32(7) - This citation was corrected on this date. Appropriate supervision in the classroom and on the playground was observed through a virtual visit on this date.