

# 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: 5/2/2019 VisitType: Complaint Investigation Arrival: 2:00 PM Departure: 3:30 PM

Follow Up

**CCLC-28268** 

#### **Brown's Child Care Learning Center**

3895 Napier Avenue Macon, GA 31204 Bibb County (478) 477-6006 brownschildcare@att.net

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Same

Quality Rated:



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| Compliance Zone Designation |   |               |  |  |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------|--|--|
| 05/02/2019                  | Complaint<br>Investigation Follow<br>Up | Good Standing |  |  |
| 05/02/2019                  | Complaint Closure                       | Good Standing |  |  |
| 04/30/2019                  | 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 rules.

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<br>SF. | 35 SF.<br>Comp. | Max 25<br>SF. | 25 SF.<br>Comp. | Notes          |
|----------|----------------------|------------------------------------|-------|----------|---------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Main     | A(3R) Infants        | Infants and One Year Olds          | 1     | 9        | NC      | 12            | С               | NA            | NA              | Nap,Floor Play |
| Main     | B (2R) school-age    | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1     | 9        | С       | 9             | С               | 13            | С               | Nap            |
| Main     | C (1R) school-age    |                                    | 0     | 0        | С       | 10            | С               | 14            | С               |                |
| Main     | D (1L) one/two years |                                    | 0     | 0        | С       | 12            | С               | NA            | NA              |                |
|          | ·                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 4      | 3     |          | Total C | apacity @     | 25 sa.          |               | •               |                |

fotal Capacity @35 sq. it.: 43 ft.: 51

Total # Children this Date: 18 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 43 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 51

| Building | Playground   | Playground<br>Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground A | 15                      | C                     |
| Main     | Playground B | 16                      | С                     |
| Main     | Playground C | 15                      | С                     |

#### Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/02/2019

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>

| Jacquelyn Brown-Williams, Program Official Date | Sondra Paster, Consultant Date |
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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

**Children's Records** 

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.08(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on a previous visit conducted on April 30, 2019. All children records reviewed had the required information.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2019

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.26(6) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2019

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.26(9) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

**Health and Hygiene** 

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.20(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on a previous visit conducted on April 30, 2019.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.36(3)(a-b) - This citation was observed to be corrected on a previous visit conducted on April 30, 2019.

Correction Deadline: 10/1/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.36(4)(a) - This citation was observed to be corrected on a previous visit conducted on April 30, 2019.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.36(4)(f)1. - This citation was observed to be corrected on a previous visit conducted on April 30, 2019.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.36(6) - This citation was observed to be corrected on a previous visit conducted on April 30, 2019.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.36(7)(b) - This citation was observed to be corrected on a previous visit conducted on April 30, 2019.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.36(7)(c)2. - This citation was observed to be corrected on a previous visit conducted on April 30, 2019.

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.36(7)(d)2. - This citation was observed to be corrected on a previous visit conducted on April 30, 2019.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.30(1)(a)3 - This citation was observed to be corrected on a previous visit conducted on April 30, 2019.

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2018

Corrected on 5/2/2019

.30(1)(b)1 - This citation was observed to be corrected on a previous visit conducted on April 30, 2019.

Staffing and Supervision

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

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that the third left classroom was observed to have one teacher present with nine children (one infant and eight one-year-old).

### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2019

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

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times and that the persons supervising in the child care area be alert, able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the chaperones and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. It was determined based on observation that upon arrival the consultant observed nine children in the second right classroom to be unsupervised as the staff was observed to be walking inside the hallway restroom.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2019