



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 1/29/2019    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 9:30 AM    **Departure:** 12:30 PM

**CCLC-3105**

**Lighthouse Christian Day Care**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
01/29/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
07/16/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing
01/23/2018	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** - 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	removed AM		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm A-1st L		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm B-1st R-hall	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Music,Circle Time
Main	Rm C-Left entry-2's	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	20	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Floor Play,Feeding
Main	Rm D-Bk left	Four Year Olds	1	4	C	15	C	21	C	Circle Time
Main	Rm E-end rm 4's	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	23	C	32	C	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request		
Total # Children this Date: 21		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	3's+	156	C
Main	infant-2's	43	C

**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit is a monitoring visit. This is the second visit of the fiscal year. The center does transport children and does not administer medication.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/29/2019

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, <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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.

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#### 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.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.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: <http://dec.al.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.

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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.al.ga.gov/>  
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.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

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Vickie Burt, Program Official

Date

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

### Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

#### Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - The consultant discussed with the director about monitoring the wooden shelves for chipping paint and covering the corners of the vinyl cubes to ensure they are cleanable and washable.

**Correction Deadline: 1/29/2019**

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

Met

#### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### 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)

Not Met

#### Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following items were accessible to children in care and posed a potential hazard.

-In the K-4 classroom there was a bottle of hand sanitizer on the table and an employee's purse and lunch bag on a table.

-In the K-3 classroom on the desk there was an employee's purse, two adult scissors, a stapler, and Lysol wipes.

-In the Toddler 2's classroom there were hanging cords under the corner shelf where the T.V. is housed.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

**Correction Deadline: 1/29/2019**

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical**

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(21) requires that all floor level windows or full-length glass doors be constructed of safety glass with decals applied at the eye level of the children or such windows or doors shall have protective devices covering the glass designed to prevent the children from getting cut by the glass should it break for any reason. Except in School-age Centers, child care rooms shall have outside windows which receive natural sunlight and equal not less than five percent (5%) of the floor area in each room, unless central heating and air conditioning are provided.

The consultant discussed with the Director about adding decals to the glass doors in the infant classroom.

**Correction Deadline: 2/8/2019**

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

**Met**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - The center has put up new fence on the back side of the playground. New screws were used during the installation and many of the screws are protruding out further than the required two threads in length. The consultant discussed with the Director about cutting back the screws to the required two thread length.

**Correction Deadline: 1/29/2019**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6) - The consultant observed three tricycles missing pedals. One tricycles was missing both pedals and two tricycles were missing one pedal each. The Director stated that a work order has been submitted and the tricycles will be removed from the play area until they are repaired.

**Correction Deadline: 2/8/2019**

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10(9) - the consultant observed a sippy cup and toys to be in the hand washing side of the double sink in the infant room. The consultant discussed with the director about ensuring hand washing and food items remain separate at all times.

**Correction Deadline: 1/29/2019**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that a staff member in the infant classroom did not immediately wash their hands after diapering a child.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

**Correction Deadline: 1/29/2019**

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety**

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined that four of the six crib mattresses were showing wear on the side seams and the inside foam was starting to show through preventing the mattress from being waterproof and washable.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least

**Correction Deadline: 1/29/2019****Correction Deadline: 7/16/2018****Corrected on 1/29/2019****.30(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed no objects in any of the cribs.****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags.

The consultant observed a top cover on the rest mats in the K-3 classroom but nothing covering the sides. The consultant discussed with the Director about using a tablecloth to cover all the sides of the rest mats to ensure bedding and rest mats are kept clean and separated from children during play.

**Correction Deadline: 1/29/2019****Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 09/07/2018

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 06/19/2017

**Records Reviewed: 8**

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

Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 07/31/2018	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 03/04/2013	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 09/06/2016	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 08/15/2016	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 09/23/2009	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 09/21/2016	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8**

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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.

**Comment**

Director provided two file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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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)** **Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.