



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Date:** 8/20/2018    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 2:55 PM    **Departure:** 5:05 PM

**CCLC-31732**

**ABC Early Learning Academy @ Stone Mountain**

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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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
|------------------------------------|--|---------------|--|
| 08/20/2018                         | Licensing Study                            | Good Standing |  |
| 04/09/2018                         | Complaint Closure                          | Good Standing |  |
| 04/09/2018                         | Complaint Investigation & 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     | A1 1Right    |                 | 0     | 0        | C    | 19         | C            | NA         | NA           |                               |
| Main     | A2 2Right    | Three Year Olds | 1     | 10       | C    | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers                       |
| Main     | A3 - 3 Right |                 | 0     | 0        | C    | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           |                               |
| Main     | B1 1Left     | Two Year Olds   | 1     | 10       | C    | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Diapering, Nap, Transitioning |
| Main     | B2 2Left     | Infants         | 1     | 5        | C    | 7          | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap, Free Play                |
| Main     | B3 3Left     | PreK            | 1     | 13       | C    | 15         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play                     |

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 84

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 38

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | A          | 24                   | C                     |
| Main     | B          | 80                   | C                     |

**Comments**

Reminder regarding submitting incident reports online via DECAL KOALA under the required reporting tab.

Beginning October 1, 2018: Local records checks will no longer be accepted. All staff must have comprehensive background checks on file.

Staff transferring from another facility must be ported electronically or letter will not be accepted. USDA guidelines will be assessed by consultant.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/20/2018

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).



**Reminder:** All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com). You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

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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### 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**

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

**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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.26(9) - Discussed with the provider regarding filling in the areas where when it rains, the mulch is washed away creating a tripping hazard. Also discussed with the director regarding keeping an eye on the swing chain links.

**Correction Deadline: 8/20/2018**

### Health and Hygiene

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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 4/9/2018****Corrected on 8/20/2018****.20(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the assistant director stated that no medication was dispensed since the last visit.****Safety**

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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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(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation that an infant was asleep in the crib with a bib around their neck.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

**Correction Deadline: 8/20/2018****Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 8**

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

|                                       |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Staff # 1<br>Date of Hire: 08/26/2013 | Met |
| Staff # 2<br>Date of Hire: 11/01/2010 | Met |
| Staff # 3<br>Date of Hire: 05/30/2017 | Met |
| Staff # 4<br>Date of Hire: 08/19/2008 | Met |
| Staff # 5<br>Date of Hire: 05/20/2013 | Met |
| Staff # 6<br>Date of Hire: 06/11/2007 | Met |
| Staff # 7<br>Date of Hire: 10/12/2015 | Met |
| Staff # 8<br>Date of Hire: 03/27/2017 | Met |

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8**

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Comment**

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

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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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.