



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 3/23/2018    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:00 AM    **Departure:** 12:30 PM

**CCLC-31826**

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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.
03/23/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/15/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/10/2017	Licensing Study	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	1st Left(left side)		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	1st Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Music,Free Play
Main	2ndLeft(left side)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	33	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	3Lft HeadStart		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	Far Back Right	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			107			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 17			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/Toddler	13	C
Main	Preschool/School Age	82	C

**Comments**

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).



**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.

**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.

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)

Kelli Morris, Program Official

Date

Patty Malone, Consultant

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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)**

Technical Assistance

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12 - The consultant discussed the computer tower in the after school classroom.

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

N/A

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	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-.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**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26 - The consultant discussed the mulch used as the resilient surface, and fluffing and redistributing the resilient surface after inclement weather.

**Correction Deadline: 11/27/2017**

**Corrected on 3/23/2018**

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

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**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition** **Met**

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations** **Met**

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Comment**

Staff stated proper practices.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

The director stated that no medications have been administered since the last visit.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures** **Met**

**Comment**

The consultant observed documentation of the required emergency drills and the emergency preparedness plan.

**Correction Deadline: 3/28/2018**

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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**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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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**

The center is not currently providing routine transportation.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff stated proper SIDS practices.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 9****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/08/2016	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 04/04/2017	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2017	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 10/24/2011	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 09/05/2017	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 11/06/2012	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 01/03/2011	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 10/30/2017	

**Records Reviewed: 9**

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

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2016

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The consultant reviewed nine staff files. Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

**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**

**Comment**

The consultant observed documentation of the required health and safety training for all staff and documentation of 2017 annual training.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff met credential requirements.

**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**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.