



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 11/1/2018    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 10:15 AM    **Departure:** 1:30 PM

**CCLC-32822**

**Little Angels Pre-School & Child Care Center**

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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.
11/01/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/19/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/06/2017	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	Room A - 1s		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room B - 1s	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	10	C	11	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room C	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Room D	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room E	Infants	2	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Diapering, Floor Play, Nap
Main	Room F	One Year Olds	3	18	C	34	C	47	C	Centers, Clean Up, Transitioning
Main	Room G	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	17	C	23	C	Outside
Main	Room H	PreK	2	20	C	23	C	32	C	Clean Up, Transitioning, Centers

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 132

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 160

Total # Children this Date: 88

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	31	C
Main	Playground B	25	C
Main	Playground C	61	C

### Comments

The purpose of today's visit is a licensing study. This is the first visit of the fiscal year. The center provides before and after school transportation for school age children.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/01/2018

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).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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.

#### 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.state.ga.us](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us).

- 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.state.ga.us/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).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>  
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.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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Chanita Irvin, Program Official

Date

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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-.03 Activities**

**Met**

**Comment**

Lesson Plans were observed to be posted and up to date in classrooms.

**Correction Deadline: 11/1/2018**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/5/2018**

**Corrected on 11/1/2018**

.12(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The center has a plan to repair or replace equipment as needed.

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

**Met**

**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

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**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records****Met****Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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**Facility**

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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Met****Correction Deadline: 2/19/2018****Corrected on 11/1/2018**

.06(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Bathrooms were observed to be clean and well maintained.

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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**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - The consultant observed three bolts on the fence that were longer than the required two threads in length. One bolt was located in the corner of the rear playground and the other two bolts were located on the gate between the rear and three year old playground. The Director will have the bolts cut to the required length.

**Correction Deadline: 11/1/2018****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the Step 2 slide and bridge plastic climber on the rear playground had five screws missing on the two bridge rails.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

**Correction Deadline: 11/1/2018****Recited on 11/1/2018**

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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.

## Health and Hygiene

**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/19/2018**

**Corrected on 11/1/2018**

.07(5) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed staff to remove bibs.

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

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

## Policies and Procedures

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

**Comment**

Fire and Safety Drills were observed to be documented and up to date.

**Correction Deadline: 11/6/2018**

**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices** **Met**

**Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

## Safety

**591-1-1-.05 Animals** **Met**

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

**Comment**

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

**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**Comment**

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/19/2018**

**Corrected on 11/1/2018**

**.30(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There was nothing attached to the cribs.**

**Correction Deadline: 2/19/2018**

**Corrected on 11/1/2018**

**.30(4) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Cots were observed to be covered.**

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 33**

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

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 09/19/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/31/2003	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2017	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 03/15/2018	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 11/14/2016	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 04/10/2017	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2016	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 01/14/2011	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/1999	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 09/04/2017	

Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 09/16/2014	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 08/29/2016	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 08/03/2018	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 05/16/2016	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 04/30/2018	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 10/30/2018	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 02/22/2016	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 03/17/2017	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 05/01/2015	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 03/03/2016	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 08/09/2017	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 05/01/2017	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 05/05/2017	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 09/12/2018	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 08/29/2016	Met



**Records Reviewed: 33**

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

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Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 09/01/2003	Met
Staff # 27 Date of Hire: 12/01/2017	Met
Staff # 28 Date of Hire: 03/13/2018	Met
Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 05/26/2017	Met
Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 08/24/2015	Met
Staff # 31 Date of Hire: 02/01/2014	Met
Staff # 32 Date of Hire: 09/17/2018	Met
Staff # 33 Date of Hire: 01/10/2011	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 33**

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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 seven file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training** **Met**

**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

**Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

**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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.