

# 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:** 4/5/2018 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 12:30 PM Departure: 2:15 PM

CCLC-32927 Regional Consultant

Deficient

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**Quality Rated:** 

Compliance Zone Designation				
04/05/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
08/17/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
05/02/2017	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

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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
Bld 2	Rm D-after school		0	0	С	17	С	24	С	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 1	7		Total C ft.: 77	apacity @	25 sq.			
Main	Rm A	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	С	20	С	NA	NA	Diapering,Nap
Main	Rm B	Two Year Olds	1	9	С	20	С	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm C	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	16	С	20	С	NA	NA	Nap
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 6	0		Total C	apacity @	25 sq.	•		
Total # C	hildren this Date: 31	Total Canacity @35 sq. ft : 7	7		Total C	`anacity @	25 ca	•		

Total # Children this Date: 31

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 77

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ft.: 77

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance	
Main	Playground 1	10	С	
Main	Playground 2	24	С	

The purpose of today's visit is a monitoring visit and a follow up for any previous rule citations. This is the second visit of the fiscal year. The center does not transport children and does not dispense medication. The Director stated that there have been no new hires since the last visit. The center is in the process of becoming Quality Rated.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/05/2018

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: <u>All</u> employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit <u>www.decalkoala.com</u>. 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@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: http://decal.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: <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>

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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)

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.

Children's Records

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

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.08(6) requires the Center to maintain records of a child's daily arrival and departure for the twelve (12) preceding months that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent documents, in written or electronic format, each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the child. The documentation shall include at least the date, the child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person at the time of arrival and departure. These records shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. It was determined based on observation that only 19 out of 31 children had been signed in by a parent or guardian for care on April 5, 2018.

### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain arrival and departure records as required, will ensure the documentation includes all of the required information, and will provide the records to the Department when requested.

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2018

**Facility** 

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms Met

#### Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

#### 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)

**Technical Assistance** 

Correction Deadline: 8/17/2017

### Corrected on 4/5/2018

.25(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The boards have been replaced and the exposed nails removed.

# **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(7) requires that doors to rooms not approved for child care, other than the kitchen doors, be latched or locked so children cannot wander into those areas. Except in School-age Centers, interior Center door locks shall permit Personnel to open the locked room from outside of the room in an emergency.

The consultant discussed with the Director about locking the interior closet doors or installing a child lock over the door knob so that children cannot open the doors and access the closets in the classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2018

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/17/2017

#### Corrected on 4/5/2018

.26(4) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All gates were secured and the fence has been secured to the ground.

Correction Deadline: 8/17/2017

# Corrected on 4/5/2018

.26(9) - This citation was obsrved to be corrected on this date. No ant beds were observed and the barrier has been replaced.

# **Health and Hygiene**

# 591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. The consultant discussed with the Director about only using bibs during feeding times and not allowing the infants and children to wear bibs during play or rest times.

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2018

# 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 Director stated that no medications are currently dispensed.

Safety

# 591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

#### Comment

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

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

Met

#### Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

# **Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Not Met** 

Correction Deadline: 8/17/2017

#### Corrected on 4/5/2018

.30(1)(a)3 - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Crib sheets were observed to be tight fitting.

# **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 a crib with a blanket over the infant and two unoccupied cribs had blankets inside of them. Additionally, the infant asleep in the crib also had a bib around their neck while in the crib.

# 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: 4/5/2018

Correction Deadline: 8/17/2017

## Corrected on 4/5/2018

.30(4) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Staff stated that bedding is kept in children's individual lockers and sheets are laundered daily.

Staff Records

**Records Reviewed: 5** 

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

Staff # 1 Met

**Records Reviewed: 5** 

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 10/03/2011

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 10/03/2011

Staff #3

Met

Date of Hire: 10/03/2011

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 10/03/2011

Staff #5

Met

Date of Hire: 09/03/2016

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

# 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.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2017

#### Corrected on 4/5/2018

.33(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff have obtained the Health and Safety Training.

Correction Deadline: 8/17/2017

Met

# Corrected on 4/5/2018

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

.31(2)(b)2. - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The teacher has enrolled in an online CDA program.

# 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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.