

# 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: 10/31/2019 VisitType: Complaint Investigation & Arrival: 8:30 AM Departure: 1:45 PM

Monitoring Visit

Deficient

CCLC-3553

**Playskool Faith Learning Academy** 

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Same

# Quality Rated:

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Compliance Zone Designation				
10/31/2019	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
10/31/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing		
01/04/2019	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

 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.	Comp.	Notes
Main	Room A - 1st left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	С	20	С	NA	NA	Floor Play,Free Play
Main	Room B - 2nd left	Four Year Olds	1	8	С	18	С	NA	NA	Music
Main	Room C - Back Right	Three Year Olds	1	6	С	20	С	NA	NA	Clean Up
Main	Room D - 2nd right	Two Year Olds	1	6	С	9	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room E - Right Front	One Year Olds	1	3	С	15	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room F - Front Middle	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	9	С	15	С	NA	NA	Free Play,Transitionin g
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 9	7		Total C ft.: 0	apacity @	25 sq.			
Total # Children this Date: 41 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 9		7		Total C	apacity @	25 sq.				

ft.: 0

Playground Playground Building Playground Occupancy Compliance

#### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit with a follow up with the previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/31/2019

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, <a href="http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>, 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@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: <a href="http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx">http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx</a>

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: <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>

Ann Marie Robb, Program Official	Date	Ebony Kern, Consultant	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)

Met

#### Comment

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

## Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

#### 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** 

#### Comment

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

## **Finding**

591-1-1-.25(12) requires heating and cooling equipment to be protected to prevent children from touching it. Fans, space heaters, etc. shall be positioned or installed so as to be inaccessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that the three year old classroom had a fan sitting on a shelf that was accessible to children in care.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will re-position or re-install equipment, as needed, and will make all such equipment inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2019

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

Met

#### Comment

Playground not observed on this date due to inclement weather.

## **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

## Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

## 591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Not Met

#### Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

## **Finding**

591-1-1-.11(2) requires that Personnel not: physically or sexually abuse a child or engage or permit others to engage in sexually overt conduct in the presence of any child enrolled in the Center; inflict corporal/physical punishment upon a child; shake, jerk, pinch or handle a child roughly; verbally abuse or humiliate a child which includes, but is not limited to, the use of threats, profanity or belittling remarks about a child or his family; isolate a child in a dark room, closet or unsupervised area; use mechanical or physical restraints or devices to discipline children; use medication to discipline or control children's behavior without written medical authorization issued by a licensed professional and given with the parent's written consent; restrict unreasonably a child from going to the bathroom; punish toileting accidents; force-feed a child or withhold feeding a child regularly scheduled meals and/or snacks; force or withhold naps; allow children to discipline or humiliate other children; or confine a child for disciplinary purposes to a swing, highchair, infant carrier, walker or jump seat. It was determined based on observation that a child in the toddler room that housed two and three-year-old children was threatened by the teacher when the teacher grabbed the child's arm and stated that the teacher would keep the child in the bathroom.

#### **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take immediate action to ensure the action/conduct has ceased; train/review appropriate child guidance techniques with center staff; and have a system in place to monitor and identify inappropriate actions.

## Correction Deadline: 10/31/2019

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

Met

#### Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for one vehicle used in transporting children this date. The inspection was conducted July, 25, 2019. The new bus was purchased two months ago, but is not in use.

#### Commen

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

# Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Staff Records** 

Records Reviewed: 11	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 09/25/2017	Met
Date of fille. 09/23/2017	
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 06/04/2019	
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/1998	
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff Credentials Reviewed: 10	
591-1-109 Criminal Records and Comprehensiv	/e Background Checks(CR) Met
Comment Criminal record checks were observed to be completed.	
Comment	
Director provided one file for a new employee hired	
591-1-131 Staff(CR)	Met
Comment	
Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws	and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

## 591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

**Not Met** 

## **Finding**

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that there were four two-year-old and five three-year-old children housed together in a center classroom with no valid proof of parental permission on file for the center to have mixed ages for two and three-year-old children.

## **POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2019

## 591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.