

# 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: 9/22/2020 VisitType: Incident Investigation & Arrival: 9:30 AM Departure: 11:30 AM

Follow Up

**CCLC-35667** 

#### **Tender Years Learning Center #12**

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Quality Rated:



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Compliance Zone Designation					
09/22/2020	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing			
08/21/2020	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing			
08/04/2020	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. **Deficient** - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting

#### 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	Left Ft- infants	Infants	1	3	С	6	С	NA	NA	Nap,Transitionin
Main	Lt Bk - 3+	Three Year Olds	2	9	С	18	С	24	С	Outside
Main	Lt Center-Pre-K		0	0	С	23	С	32	С	Not In Use
Main	Rt Bk - 3's		0	0	С	15	С	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rt ft - 1 yr	One Year Olds	1	9	С	15	С	NA	NA	Transitioning,Fre e Play
Main	Rt mid- 2 yrs	Two Year Olds	1	9	С	18	С	NA	NA	Outside
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 95	5		Total C ft.: 110	apacity @	25 sq.			

the rules.

Total # Children this Date: 30 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 95 Total Capacity @25 sq.

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Large Playground	97	С
Main	Toddler Playground	178	С

#### Comments

A virtual follow up was conducted on September 22, 2020 with the director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 10/30/2020

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>

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

**Facility** 

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/15/2020

Corrected on 9/22/2020

.26(4) - This citation was corrected in that the bolts on the gate between the two playgrounds were no more than two threads in length.

Correction Deadline: 1/25/2020

**Corrected on 9/22/2020** 

.26(6) - The citation was corrected in that no rust was present on the metal play equipment. The director indicated that areas that had chipped paint were repainted. The director was advised that the areas should be maintained as they appeared to be in need of another application of paint in the near future.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2020

Corrected on 9/22/2020

.17(7) - This citation was corrected as the center had running water and children and staff were able to adequately wash hands.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2020

**Corrected on 9/22/2020** 

.17(8) - .17(7) - This citation was corrected as the center had running water and children and staff were able to adequately wash hands.

# **Policies and Procedures**

#### 591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2020

#### **Corrected on 9/22/2020**

.21(3) - This citation was corrected as documentation was provided for the center conducting fire and safety drills for August 2020.

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/15/2020

#### **Corrected on 9/22/2020**

.11(2) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director/Provider on this date.