

## 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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Arrival: 12:15 PM **Date:** 1/28/2020 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Departure: 1:45 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Con	npliance Zone Desi	g <u>nation</u>	<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				
01/28/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	standing, support, and deficient.				
09/03/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.				
02/27/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.				
			<ul> <li>Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</li> </ul>				

### 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 Far Left		0	0	С	25	С	NA	NA	
Main	Room B 1st Rt.	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	18	С	23	С	NA	NA	Free Play,Transitionin g
Total Capacity @35		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 4				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		`		
Total # C	hildren this Date: 18	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 4	8		Total C	apacity @	25 sq.	•		

ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance	
Main	playground	93	С	

### Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/28/2020

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>

Goodwin Margaret, Program Official	Date	Laura Swann, 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.

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)

Met

Comment

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

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

**Not Met** 

## **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 following hazards were present:

A child size plastic yellow picnic table was broken with rough edges.

The back tire swing had a broken handle with a rope hanging down posing a strangulation hazard.

The wooden rock climbing wall had nail heads exposed.

## 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. The center will remove the broken toys and hammer in the nails to ensure nails are flush.

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2020

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

### Comment

There were no diapered children enrolled in the program on this date.

## 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.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

# **Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Met

### Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Staff Records** 

### **Records Reviewed: 2**

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

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Met

Date of Hire: 08/25/2016

Staff # 2

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2017

### Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

## 591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(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

#### Commen

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.31 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)

Met

### Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

## Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.