



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 4/13/2018    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 1:45 PM    **Departure:** 3:15 PM

**CCLC-36540**

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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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--|
| 04/13/2018                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |  |
| 10/18/2017                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |  |
| 03/07/2017                         | 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                           | A    |   | 0                              | 0        | C    | 8                             | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| Main                           | B    | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds | 1                              | 17       | C    | 17                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Main                           | C    | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds                       | 1                              | 8        | C    | 8                             | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Main                           | D    | Infants and One Year Olds                             | 2                              | 10       | C    | 12                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:    |      |   | 45                             |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |            |
| Total # Children this Date: 35 |      |   | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 45 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |            |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
|          |            |                      |                       |

**Comments**

Requested new staff files on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/13/2018

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:** All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com). 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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.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://dec.al.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: <https://qualityrated.dec.al.ga.gov/>  
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.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

Brenda Carroll, Program Official

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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**

**Correction Deadline: 10/18/2017**

**Corrected on 4/13/2018**

**.19(1) - Licensed capacity met on this date.**

**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**

**Correction Deadline: 10/18/2017**

**Corrected on 4/13/2018**

**.26(4) - The wooden fence border was observed to be repaired on this date. Discussed the chain link fencing on this date.**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the back middle playground presented two large area on the grass with indents of dirt, creating tripping hazards on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 4/13/2018**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Per director, no medications are dispensed.

**Safety**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**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)**

**Technical Assistance**

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Discussed crib placement on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 4/13/2018**

**Correction Deadline: 10/18/2017**

**Corrected on 4/13/2018**

**.30(2) - There were no children sleeping with blankets in cribs on this date.**

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 6**

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

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/17/2008

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 02/18/2018

Staff # 3

Met

**Records Reviewed: 6**

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

Date of Hire: 09/17/2013

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 04/24/2017

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 11/05/2010

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 08/17/2008

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6**

**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 10/18/2017**

**Corrected on 4/13/2018**

**.31(2)(a) - Observed each classroom to have a lead teacher on this date.**

**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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.