

# 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: 9/7/2018 VisitType: Monitoring Visit POI Follow- Arrival: 2:15 PM Departure: 3:45 PM

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**Quality Rated: No** 

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Compliance Zone Designation				
09/07/2018	Complaint Closure	Good Standing		
09/07/2018	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit POI Follow Up	Good Standing		
08/07/2018	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Support		

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

rule

Deficient - Programmer

- 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
Main	A-infant	Infants	2	4	С	8	С	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap,Transiti oning
Main	B-1-2 years	One Year Olds	1	7	С	16	С	NA	NA	Transitioning,Na
Main	C-2 1/2 years	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	С	20	С	NA	NA	Nap,Snack,Trans itioning
Main	D-3-4 years	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	С	41	С	NA	NA	Nap,Transitionin g,Snack
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 8	5		Total C	apacity @	25 sq.			
Total # C	hildren this Date: 42	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 8	5		Total C	apacity @	25 sq.			

otal # Children this Date: 42 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 85 Total Capacity @25 s

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	44	

# **Comments**

The center director stated that no new staff has been hired since the last visit.

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:gualityrated@decal.ga.gov">gualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a>

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# **Findings Report**

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit POI Follow Up:

# **Activities and Equipment**

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

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

Commen

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2018

Corrected on 9/7/2018

.17(7) - Previous citation observed corrected.

# 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

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)

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

# **Records Reviewed: 8**

# Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 06/10/2014

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 05/19/2016

Staff #3

Met

Date of Hire: 06/10/2014

Staff #4

Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2018

**Records Reviewed: 8** 

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff #5

Date of Hire: 09/02/2014

Staff # 6

Met

Met

Date of Hire: 02/16/2017

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2018

Staff #8

Met

Date of Hire: 03/02/2018

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8

# 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-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

### Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

# 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

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2018

# Corrected on 9/7/2018

.32(7) - Previous citation observed corrected.