

# 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: 11/13/2019 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 8:45 AM Departure: 11:45 AM

CCLC-37556 Regional Consultant

#### Childcare Network #243

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Quality Rated:





Compliance Zone Designation				
11/13/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
02/13/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing		
01/30/2019	Complaint Investigation & 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 Deficient - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting

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- 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	1L	Infants	1	2	С	20	С	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	1R	Three Year Olds	1	6	С	21	С	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	2L	One Year Olds	1	5	С	22	С	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	2R	Three Year Olds	1	10	С	21	С	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3L	Two Year Olds	1	8	С	19	С	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	3R	PreK	2	18	С	22	С	NA	NA	Centers
Main	4L		0	0	С	24	С	NA	NA	
Main	4R	PreK	2	20	С	23	С	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Left GYM		0	0	С	0	С	NA	NA	
Main	Middle GYM		0	0	С	61	С	NA	NA	
Main	Right GYM		0	0	С	21	С	NA	NA	
•		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 2	254		Total C	apacity @	25 sq.			

Total # Children this Date: 69 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 254

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft : 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A School Age	84	С
Main	В	-121	NC
Main	В	81	С
Main	Infants	63	С

#### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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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## **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)

**Technical Assistance** 

#### Comment

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

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12(4) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and secure the computer/TV screen in the back school age classroom, with heavy velcro or a strap, so it does not pose at tipping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 11/13/2019

#### 591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

#### 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)

Technical Assistance

#### Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

#### Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor the bathroom vents for dust accumulation and clean or repair as needed. Consultant also discussed with provider to monitor and resecure the ceiling tile in the bathroom between classrooms 3R / 4R where it is becoming loose from the ceiling.

Correction Deadline: 11/13/2019

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and repair or paint the green climbing equipment on the back right playground, to ensure chipping paint does not develop.

Correction Deadline: 11/23/2019

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and repair or replace the straps on the plastic green toddler swings, which had been removed on this date for cleaning. Please ensure the swings are not used until the safety straps are in place.

Correction Deadline: 11/23/2019

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with the provider to monitor and fill in the areas of the ground that are beginning to become washed away in the following areas:

\*on the right side of the building, by the sidewalk, where holes and developing in the ground

\*as well as in back sidewalk area, leading to the playground, to ensure the ground is flush with the sidewalk

\*on the back playground area, by the shade awning, where the cement around the pole is becoming exposed.

Correction Deadline: 11/13/2019

## **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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

### 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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

#### Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director and staff on this date. Staff stated proper knowledge of hygiene and laundry practices on this date.

#### **Records Reviewed: 8**

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

Staff # 1

Met

Met

Met

Met

Met

Met

Met

Met

Date of Hire: 08/03/2015

Staff # 2

Date of Hire: 10/24/2016

Staff #3

Date of Hire: 08/01/2007

Staff #4

Date of Hire: 07/21/2014

Staff #5

Date of Hire: 01/15/2018

Staff #6

Date of Hire: 09/03/2019

Staff #7

Date of Hire: 07/21/2014

Staff #8

Date of Hire: 11/07/2018

## Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6

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

Met

#### Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Consultant observed evidence of comprehensive background checks for all employees on this date.

Director provided four file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

## 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.

## **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.