

# 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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Quality Rated:



Compliance Zone Designation				
10/31/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
03/19/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
11/06/2018	Complaint Closure	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.

Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting

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#### 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	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	5	С	12	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room B		0	0	С	11	С	NA	NA	
Main	Room C		0	0	С	4	С	NA	NA	
Main	Room D		0	0	С	5	С	NA	NA	
Main	Room E		0	0	С	7	С	NA	NA	
Main	Room F	Three Year Olds	1	2	С	11	С	NA	NA	Free Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 4	0		Total C ft.: 0	apacity @	25 sq.	Building ( Building [		city limited by nt

Total # Children this Date: 7

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 40

Deficient

Total Capacity @25 sq.

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	141	С

#### Comments

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 Licensing Study:

# **Activities and Equipment**

591-1-1-.03 Activities Met

Comment

Consultant observed updated lesson plans

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2019

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

Commen

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

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records** 

Records Reviewed: 3 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1 Met

Child # 2 Met

Child # 3 Met

# 591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

**Technical Assistance** 

## **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.08(1) - Consultant discussed with provider to ensure child's address on enrollment forms are fully completed.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2019

**Facility** 

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms Met

#### Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.

#### 591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25 -Consultant discussed with provider to be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children such as broom or vacuum cleaner.

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed with provider that the bolts in the middle gate should measure two threads long. In addition, it was discussed that the orange temporary fencing should be secured and tightened.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2019

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6)-Consultant discussed with provider that four out of ten tricycles were rusted and to be repaired or removed from playground. The consultant also discussed that the back, left tire on the green truck needs to be secured to the small bolt.

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2019

### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(8) - Consultant discussed with provider that the grass growing in the wood chips on the right playground needed to be removed.

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2019

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with provider that the wagon with the pine cones on the left playground needed to be disposed of due to mold growing on them. In addition the consultant discussed that after the rain, ants should be monitored for and treated daily.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2019

**Food Service** 

#### 591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

#### Comment

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

**DECAL** 

http://decal.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx

USDA

http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks

# 591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.18(1) Consultant discussed with provider that food should be prepared closest to serving time as possible.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2019

# **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)

N/A

#### Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

# 591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

#### Comment

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

# 591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

N/A

#### Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

# 591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

N/A

#### Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

# **Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Met

#### Comment

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

#### Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3

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

Met

#### Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

#### 591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

#### Comment

Please replace/add missing/expired items in first aid kits

#### 591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records

**Technical Assistance** 

# **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.24(1) - Consultant discussed with provider that one employee out of three had an employee application missing.

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2019

# 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

# Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

**Not Met** 

#### Finding

591-1-1-.31(11) requires the Center to have qualified and sufficient direct-care, clerical, housekeeping, maintenance and other employees to ensure full compliance with these rules without neglecting the supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the center did not have adequate staff to support the daily functions of the facility.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that an adequate number of qualified employees is available to ensure full compliance with these rules without neglecting the supervision of the children.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2019

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on review of records that the lead teacher in Classroom A did not have a credential as required.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2019

# **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)

**Not Met** 

# **Finding**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times and that the persons supervising in the child care area be alert, able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the chaperones and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. It was determined based on consultant's observation that children in Classroom F were left unsupervised when center staff were observed to leave the room to answer the front door, to prepare meals and snack, and during restroom breaks. In addition, children were observed to move from room to room without supervision.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2019