

# 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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Good Standing

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Quality Rated: \*\*

01/27/2020

09/04/2019

06/26/2019





**Compliance Zone Designation** 

Licensing Study

Monitoring Visit

Complaint Closure

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I	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.

Deficient 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
Building 1	A-1L	Infants and One Year Olds	3	6	С	14	С	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	B- 1R	Six Year Olds and Over	1	8	С	20	С	NA	NA	Snack,Transitioni
Building 1	C-2L	PreK	1	20	С	30	С	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	D-2R	Three Year Olds	1	7	С	19	С	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	E-3L	Two Year Olds	1	8	С	13	С	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	F-3R	PreK	2	14	С	23	С	NA	NA	Nap
	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 119			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0						
Total # C	hildren this Date: 63	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft : 1	10		Total C	anacity @	25 ca			

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Building Playground		Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance	
Building 1	Bldg 1	114	C	

#### Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/27/2020

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).

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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 Licensing Study:

# **Activities and Equipment**

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

**Not Met** 

#### Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were present:

Classroom B- there were three purple stools that had the cover worn with foamed exposed.

Classroom C- the blue cushions on the child size sofa had the cover worn with foam exposed.

Classroom F- the blue cushions on the child size sofa had the cover worn with foam exposed.

The covering needed to be repair to help prevent the spread of germs.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children. Staff will cover the exposed foam.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2020

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

Met

#### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records** 

# Records Reviewed: 5 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1 Met

Child # 2 Met

Child # 3 Met

Records Reviewed: 5 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 4 Met

Child # 5 Met

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.08(1) - Please ensure children's enrollment records were completely filled out with the full address of release persons.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2020

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms Met

#### Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

#### Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

# 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)

**Not Met** 

#### Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that in classroom B the interior door frame in the restroom had peeling paint. Further, the closet door to the left of the changing table had peeling paint on the outside of the door frame.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring. The center will sand and repaint the door frames.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2020

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

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the following was hazardous:

On the right side playground the metal fencing to the left of the entrance gate was not attached to the pole at the bottom with sharp metal pieces exposed. Further, the right side metal fencing was not attached to the pole at the bottom on the 1st and 3rd sections with sharp metal pieces exposed.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use. The center will secure the pole to the fencing ensuring sharp metal pieces were inaccessible to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2020

# **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 on the left side playground there were exposed tree roots that posed a tripping hazard.

#### **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. The center will spray paint tree roots to make them more visible to the children to help prevent tripping.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2020

	Food Service
591-1-115 Food Service & Nutrition	Met
Comment Infant feeding forms were updated regularly.	
591-1-118 Kitchen Operations	Met
Comment Please ensure that all food items are stored in airtight containers.	
	Health and Hygiene
591-1-110 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)	Met
Comment Proper diapering procedures observed.	
591-1-117 Hygiene(CR)	Met
Comment Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.	
591-1-120 Medications(CR)	Met
<b>Comment</b> Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.	
	Safety
591-1-105 Animals	Met
Comment Center does not keep animals on premises.	
591-1-1.11 Discipline(CR)	Met
Comment Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.	
591-1-113 Field Trips(CR)	Met
Comment Center does not participate in field trips at this time.	
591-1-136 Transportation(CR)	Met
Correction Deadline: 9/9/2019	
Corrected on 1/27/2020	

.36(4)(a) - Correction observed on this date. Annual inspection was current.

# Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 12	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1
Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 03/06/2018  "Missing/Incomplete Components" .33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training	Not Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 08/06/2018	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 03/03/2017	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 04/25/2018	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 12/06/2019	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 08/08/2019	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 03/13/2019	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/05/2016	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 01/05/2016	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 11/06/2015	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 07/10/2019	Met
Staff # 12	Met

Date of Hire: 07/24/2019

#### Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Met

#### Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

#### Comment

Director provided 4 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

**Technical Assistance** 

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2020

#### **Corrected on 1/27/2020**

.14(2) - Correction observed on this date. Staff had obtained first aid and CPR certification.

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.14(3) - Please ensure first aid kits for building and vehicles have all the required items.

Correction Deadline: 2/6/2020

# 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety training at the time of employment that will count toward required annual training: Staff employed prior to September 30, 2016 will complete the training by December 29, 2016 and Staff employed after September 30, 2016 will complete the health and safety training within the first 90 days of employment. It was determined based on a review of records that one staff had not completed the health and safety training within the first 90 days of employment.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2020

#### Recited on 1/27/2020

# **Finding**

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on a review of records that one staff had not completed the required ten hours of annual training for 2019.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2020

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

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2019

#### **Corrected on 1/27/2020**

.31(1)(b)2. - Correction observed on this date. Director has 40 hour director training.

# 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.