



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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Atlanta, GA 30334**

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**Date:** 4/4/2019    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 10:45 AM    **Departure:** 12:15 PM

**CCLC-39140**

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Same

**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
04/04/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/16/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing
03/29/2018	Licensing Study	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.

**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
Main	BK RT	Infant	0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	Front/entrance		0	0	C	16	C	23	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			18			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0	
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Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	24	C

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow up on the previous visit conducted on November 16, 2018. The provider is not keeping children at this time. The provider indicated that the program will remain closed until medical treatment is completed. Consultant observed center while it was closed and no children were present. Consultant discussed with provider that all areas where center children will be kept will need to be cleaned and double checked for hazards prior to children being enrolled.

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, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.aspx> , 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@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us).

- 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.state.ga.us/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).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>  
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.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

Tina Lowman, Program Official

Date

Malissa Champion, Consultant

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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**

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

**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**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.26 - Consultant discussed monitoring the playground area for normal wear and tear (i.e. broken equipment, entrapment hazards, etc.) with the director on this date. Please check the playground daily and complete repairs as needed to prevent potential incidents involving children and/or staff.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

There were no children enrolled in the program on this date. Proper diaper facilities were observed with warm running water and proper ventilation.

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

Staff stated proper hand washing procedures.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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<b>Policies and Procedures</b>
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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/21/2018**

**Corrected on 4/4/2019**

**.21(1)(p) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Provider had emergency plan posted.**

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<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date.

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<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. No children enrolled at this time.

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<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 2****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 04/26/1992

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 04/26/1992

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**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2**

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(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 on November 16, 2018.

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/26/2018**

**Corrected on 4/4/2019**

**.14(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed first aid kit to be complete.**

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Met**

**Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR) Met**

**Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.