



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 4/19/2018    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 10:30 AM    **Departure:** 12:30 PM

**CCLC-39181**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
04/19/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/05/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/22/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

**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/Left	Three Year Olds	1	4	C	9	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Front Area	Two Year Olds	1	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request				
Total # Children this Date: 8		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main	16	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/19/2018

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).

	<p><b>Reminder:</b> All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before <b>January 1, 2017</b>. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit <a href="http://www.decalkoala.com">www.decalkoala.com</a>. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.</p>
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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.

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**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@decals.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decals.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: <http://decals.ga.gov/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.

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**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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decals.ga.gov/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@decals.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decals.ga.gov)

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Carol Price, Program Official

Date

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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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

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

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Evening Care

**591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

No evening care hours provided.

### Facility

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

**Met**

**Comment**

All rooms observed were within capacity limitations.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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

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**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 potential entrapment hazards existed in that::

-A six inch gap at the bottom of the back fence was observed.

-An eight inch gap at the bottom of the left fence was observed and the fence was detached from the poles.

**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.

**Correction Deadline: 4/19/2018****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the yellow steering wheel was missing from the blue car and three (3) steering wheels were missing from the yellow bus.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

**Correction Deadline: 4/30/2018****Recited on 4/19/2018****Correction Deadline: 9/5/2017****Corrected on 4/19/2018****.26(9) - Consultant did not observe any live ant beds on the playground.**

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

No medication administered.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 3****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

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Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 10/23/2017

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 11/11/2000

Staff # 3

Not Met

Date of Hire: 03/13/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3**

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(d) requires each Employee and Center Director hired on or after January 1, 2014 to have a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination with a Records Check Clearance date that is within 12 months of their hire date. In order for the Department to issue a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination, each Employee and Director must submit both a Fingerprint Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on review of records that this information was not documented for one staff person. A one day letter was left on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that each director and employee hired after January 1, 2014 has a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination dated within 12 months of the hire date and will submit the required documents to obtain the determination if they have not already done so.

**Correction Deadline: 4/19/2018**

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Met****Comment**

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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**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.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.