

# 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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Arrival: 11:00 AM Date: 10/21/2019 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Departure: 12:10 PM

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Quality Rated: 👚





| Compliance Zone Designation |                  |               |  |  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------|--|--|
| 10/21/2019                  | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |  |  |
| 07/18/2019                  | POI Follow Up    | Good Standing |  |  |
| 06/12/2019                  | POI Follow Up    | Support       |  |  |

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

**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<br>SF.   | 35 SF.<br>Comp. | Max 25<br>SF. | 25 SF.<br>Comp. | Notes     |
|------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|--|----------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Main       | A/1R                 | Infants and One Year Olds     | 3  | 3        | С       | 8               | С               | NA            | NA              | Lunch,Nap |
| Main       | B/2R                 |                               | 0  | 0        | С       | 8               | С               | NA            | NA              |           |
| Main       | C/3R                 |                               | 0  | 0        | С       | 29              | С               | NA            | NA              |           |
|            |                      | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 1 | ft.: 18 Total Capacity @25 sq. Building @35 ca<br>ft.: 0 Building @35 ca<br>Centers Reques |          |         | city limited by |                 |               |                 |           |
| Total # Ch | hildren this Date: 3 | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 1 | 8  |          | Total C | apacity @       | 25 sq.          | •             |                 |           |

| Building | Playground | Playground<br>Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Only       | 50                      | С                     |

# **Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/21/2019

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>

| Antionette Brown, Program Official | Date | Valarie Musselwhite, Consultant | 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)

**Technical Assistance** 

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

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12(1) - Please ensure children are buckled in using the provided safety straps when swings, car seats, and bouncy seats are in use.

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2019

# 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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please remove or repair the broken basketball netting.

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2019

**Food Service** 

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

**Not Met** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(2)(a) - Please ensure bottles are not being propped during feedings.

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2019

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(5) - Please ensure any meal substitutions are notated on the posted menu.

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2019

#### Finding

591-1-1-.15(7) prohibits the serving of peanuts, hotdogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, and grapes to children under three years of age. Children older than three (3) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Foods and drinks with little or no nutritional value, i.e., sweets, soft drinks, etc. shall be served only on special occasions and only in addition to the required nutritious meals and snacks. Powdered nonfat dry milk shall only be used for cooking purposes. It was determined based on an observation that a one-year-old child was served chicken wings for lunch.

## **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor food served to children to ensure that the food does not present a choking hazard. The Center will not serve food and drinks with little or no nutritional value except for special occasions and in addition to the required nutritious meals and snacks. The Center will limit the use of powdered nonfat dry milk for cooking only. The consultant and director discussed removing meats from the bone.

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2019

# **Health and Hygiene**

# 591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

# 591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

#### 591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

N/A

#### Comment

The center currently does not dispense or administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

### Comment

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

# 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)

Not Met

## **Finding**

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based on an observation that one infant was observed asleep in a swing and one infant was observed asleep in a car seat.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2019

Staff Records

#### **Records Reviewed: 4**

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

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met

Staff # 3

Date of Hire: 04/11/2019

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 05/28/2019

#### Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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

Met

#### Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

## 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

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591-1-1-.33(6) - Citation deferred until annual training for 2019 is reviewed.

## **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: 12/31/2019

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

#### Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.