



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 2/1/2018    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 2:00 PM    **Departure:** 5:30 PM

**CCLC-47194**

**Learning Spot for Tots**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<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.
02/01/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/24/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/13/2017	Initial Licensing Study	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 - Infants		0	0	C	4	C	NA	NA	
Main	B - 2's		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Main	C- 1's	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	7	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
Main	D- 3's and 4's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 35

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 15

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 35

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	All ages	32	C

**Comments**

The compliance and determination worksheet was discussed and left.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/01/2018

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).



**Reminder:** All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com). You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.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://dec.al.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.

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.dec.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

Genia Webb, 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-.03 Activities**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 8/24/2017**

**Corrected on 2/1/2018**  
**Correction was observed on this date.**

**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.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records****Met****Correction Deadline: 8/24/2017****Corrected on 2/1/2018****Correction was observed on this date.**

<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that in Room D there was a spray bottle that was labeled bleach and sitting on top of a shelf and within the reach of children. Further, there was a spray bottle sitting on top of a white shelf and was covered in ants.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

**Correction Deadline: 2/1/2018****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that in Room B and D there was an electrical outlet that was not covered and accessible to children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff to check outlets and replace protective caps when needed and identify and monitor how outlets in use are inaccessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 2/1/2018**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Correction Deadline: 9/7/2017****Corrected on 2/1/2018****Correction was observed on this date.****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 there was one sprinkler head lid that was broken and there was a sharp edge that posed a hazard to children. Further, there was a green PVC pipe that contained the resilient surface and it was not attached at three corners and 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.

**Correction Deadline: 2/5/2018**

<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Correction Deadline: 8/24/2017****Corrected on 2/1/2018****Correction was observed on this date.****Correction Deadline: 8/24/2017****Corrected on 2/1/2018****Correction was observed on this date.**

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 8/24/2017****Corrected on 2/1/2018****Correction was observed on this date.**

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

The assistant director stated that no medications have been administered since the last regulatory visit.

<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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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.

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that there was not a tight-fitted sheet being used on two cribs.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

**Correction Deadline: 2/2/2018****Recited on 2/1/2018**

**Records Reviewed: 4**

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

Staff # 1 Met  
Date of Hire: 08/02/2017

Staff # 2 Met  
Date of Hire: 06/03/1951

Staff # 3 Not Met  
Date of Hire: 06/05/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"  
.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 4 Met  
Date of Hire: 06/16/2017

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4**

**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR) Met**

**Correction Deadline: 8/24/2017**

**Corrected on 2/1/2018  
Correction was observed on this date.**

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.14(1) requires the Center Director and, at any given time, at least fifty percent (50%) of the caregiver Staff to successfully complete a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid. The first aid training must be done by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. The Center shall maintain current evidence of the successful completion of such training which shall be available to the Department for inspection. It was determined based on a review of records that one staff member did not have first aid and CPR as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center Director and at least 50% of the caregiver Staff will complete the needed training. The Director will send written verification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure that at least 50% of the caregiver Staff have completed this training at any given time and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

**Correction Deadline: 3/3/2018**

**591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records Met**

**Correction Deadline: 8/29/2017**

**Corrected on 2/1/2018  
Correction was observed on this date.**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 8/24/2017**

**Corrected on 2/1/2018**

**Correction was observed on this 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.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 8/24/2017**

**Corrected on 2/1/2018**

**Correction was observed on this date.**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.