



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Date:** 5/6/2020    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 3:40 PM    **Departure:** 4:40 PM

**CCLC-47601**

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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.
05/06/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/26/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/22/2019	Complaint Closure	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
One	A	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
One	B	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside
One	C	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
One	D	Three Year Olds	3	16	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 71		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Two	Afterschool	Six Year Olds and Over	2	19	C	44	C	NA	NA	Centers
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 44		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 64			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 115		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
One	A	196	C
One	B	26	C
One	C	24	C

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on May 6, 2020.

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/RuleAndRegulations.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.

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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@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.

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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).

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)

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Janice Dixon, Program Official

Date

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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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

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

**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

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

### Facility

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<b>591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met during the Virtual Visit.

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<b>591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

No hazards were observed accessible to children during the Virtual Visit.

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<b>591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

The playground was observed to be clean and in good repair during the Virtual Visit. Routine playground maintenance was discussed on this date.

<b>Food Service</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.15 Food Service &amp; Nutrition</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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<b>591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

The kitchen appeared to be clean and well organized during the Virtual Visit.

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

The steps for diapering, hand washing, and sanitizing requirements were discussed with the Director and staff on this date. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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<b>591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)</b>	<b>Defer</b>
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**Defer**

591-1-1-.17(7)- A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

**Correction Deadline: 9/26/2019**

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<b>591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director/Provider on this date.

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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**

SIDS and infant sleeping positions were discussed during the Virtual Visit.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 7****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 02/29/2020

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 04/10/2018

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 04/10/2017

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 04/10/2017

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 01/01/2017

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 11/25/2018

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 04/16/2019

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**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4**

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete during the Administrative Review.

**Comment**

Director provided files for two employees hired since last visit.

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

Evidence observed of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR during the Administrative Review.

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

All required annual staff training were provided for the Administrative Review.

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

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020.

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

**Correction Deadline: 9/26/2019**

**Corrected on 5/6/2020**

**.32(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. During the Virtual Visit the consultant was able to observed appropriate ratios in each classroom.**

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

During the Virtual Visit, staff members were observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.