



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/5/2018 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:15 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
04/05/2018	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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
Back	D- left/ PreK		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Back	E -/ Right/ afterschool		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 33			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main - Front	A -1L/1's and 2's		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main - Front	B- 1R/3's		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main - Front	C - 2R/ 6wks to 18 mths		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 27			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 60			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main - Front	A - left/all ages	11	C
Main - Front	B - Back left - All ages	50	C
Main - Front	D- 6wks - 2 years	21	C

Comments

Permission to operate was granted on 4/9/18. Provider must move equipment and supplies to the proper classrooms.

The facility does not have Liability Insurance.

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).



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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.

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.

- 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.

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)



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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

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Please ensure all shelves are secure to the wall or floor to prevent tipping hazards in classrooms D and E

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2018

Finding

591-1-1-.12(6) requires that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area. It was determined based on consultant's observation that all classrooms did not have a variety of materials accessible in that all classrooms lacked science, language, music and art materials.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center director will add science, language, music and art materials in each room for each age group that are stored on low, open shelves accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2018

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

The licensed capacity for the facility is sixty (60) children.

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

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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 consultant's observation that hazards existed in that vegetation was growing through the fence on playgrounds A, B, and D. Consultant also observed gaps in the front gate on playground A that measured five (5) inches and a gap in the gate on playground D that measured four (4) inches. Also observed on the playground were protruding bolts measuring more than two (2) threads around the gates on all playgrounds.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove all vegetation out of the fence, enclose the gaps so that they are less than three and a half (3-1/2) inches and cut down all bolts to two (2) threads and sand off sharp edges so that they are smooth.

Correction Deadline: 4/16/2018

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the fall zone around the monkey bars measured two (2) feet out when six (6) feet is required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zone to ensure compliance.

Correction Deadline: 4/16/2018

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 consultant's observation that a hazard existed in that on playground A, an exposed brick with sharp edges was present. Also observed on the walk way ramp were splintering wood exposing sharp edges. On playground D, consultant observed a hole measuring one (1) foot by one (1) foot posing a potential trip hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will install pool noodles around the concrete brick to ensure smooth edges, and sand down the side wooden pole to ensure that it is smooth and fill the hole with dirt.

Correction Deadline: 4/16/2018

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Consultant discussed hand washing procedures with Director on this date.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Safety

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.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hour transportation training prior to transporting children.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Five (5) of five (5) cribs were present meeting CPSC guidelines as they were manufactured in 2013 and 2015.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 04/05/2018

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 04/05/2018

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 04/05/2018

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3

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

Met

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.31(13) Based on the consultant's review of staff records, staff were compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2018

Staffing and Supervision

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.

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

A supervision plan was created on this date for classroom B and classroom D to access the bathrooms located in the hallways. A plan was also created for classroom D and playground B due to their shape to ensure proper supervision at all times.