



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 2/20/2018    **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:30 AM    **Departure:** 2:00 PM

**CCLC-48202**

**Crossing Jordan Learning Academy**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
02/20/2018	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing

**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 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
Main	A		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	B		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	C		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	D		0	0	C	28	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			48			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0		Building @35 capacity limited by Playground Limitations
Total # Children this Date:			0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			48	
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	7	C
Main	Playground B	9	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/20/2018

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).



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

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

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Date

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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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center. Equipment observed secure during the visit.

**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 program has the following capacity limitations: limited to 48 due to the amount of playground space available for use.

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

**Technical Assistance**

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Discussed that the areas around the pipes in the hall water bubblers should be filled in.

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(3) requires that the playground be adjacent to the Center or in an area which can be reached by a safe route or method approved by the Department. Except in School-age Centers, the playground shall have shaded areas. It was determined based on observation that there was no shade provided on Playground A.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that shade is provided on Playground A.

**Correction Deadline: 3/22/2018**

**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 the air conditioning/heating unit was accessible on Playground A.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will install a 4 foot secure barrier around the air conditioning/heating unit so that it is not accessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 2/20/2018**

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

**Comment**

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

**Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

<b>Safety</b>
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**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.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation. Discussed requirements for training in the event the program wants to add this in the future.

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

The correct number of cots, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting and storage of cots was discussed with the director on this date. Discussed requirements for cots and 2 inch mat for nighttime care.

Cribs were observed to meet CPSC regulations.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 8**

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

Staff # 1

Met

**Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 02/22/2018

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 02/22/2018

Staff # 3 Met

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 09/03/2016

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 02/22/2018

Staff # 6 Met

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 09/26/2018

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 02/22/2018

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR) Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete for eight staff.

**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.

**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**

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 diapering in Room A and B and for using the hall restroom from Rooms C and D.