

# 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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**Date:** 9/16/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:30 PM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

### CCLC-48563 Regional Consultant

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation						
09/16/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	histo stan			
03/17/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	Goo			
09/16/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	Sup			

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.

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- 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 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A - Two Front L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	С	14	С	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	B - Toddler 2L		0	0	С	6	С	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C - Mid Back 3/4	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	С	28	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D - Infant R	Infants	1	6	С	12	С	NA	NA	Floor Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 6	0		Total C ft.: 0	apacity @	25 sq.			
Total # Children this Date: 29		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 6	0		Total C	apacity @	25 sq.			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance	
Main	A - Toddler	31	С	
Main	B - Older PG	29	С	

#### **Comments**

A virtual inspection was conducted on September 16, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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.

#### 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 quardian 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.decal.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@decal.ga.gov

Eva Davis, Program Official	Date	Rachael Brown, Consultant	Date

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## The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

# **Activities and Equipment**

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

Defer

#### Defer

591-1-1-.12(2)-A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation was unable to be evaluated on this date due to connectivity issues with the virtual visit and inclement weather. Citation deferred until next regulatory visit.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2019

#### 591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

#### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility** 

#### 591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Licensed capacity observed to be met by center.

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**Not Evaluated** 

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Playground not observed on this date due to inclement weather and connectivity issues with the virtual visit. This rule was unable to be evaluated on this date.

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date. During the virtual walk through the diapering area was observed and the provider displayed proper knowledge of the rules and regulations.

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing requirements were discussed with the Director on this date. Liquid soap and paper towels were observed accessible in the restroom area.

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

Met

#### Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Met

#### 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 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)

Met

#### Comment

Staff # 1

Staff # 2

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

#### **Records Reviewed: 13**

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

Date of Hire: 05/20/2019

Met

Date of Fille. 05/20/2019

Date of Hire: 09/01/1978

Met

Date of Hire. 09/01/19/6

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 10/25/2019

Staff # 4

Met

Staff #5

Met

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Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 09/26/2018

Staff # 6 Met

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 09/12/2019

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 10/30/2019

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 08/04/2014

Staff # 10 Met

Staff # 11 Met

Staff # 12 Met

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 08/11/2014

#### Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Met

## Comment

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

## Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Defer** 

#### Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)-Citation deferred until first regulatory visit of 2022 as the correction deadline for citation is December 31, 2021.

## 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: 12/31/2021

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

## Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Adequate supervision observed on this date.