



**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:** 3/23/2018    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 1:15 PM    **Departure:** 5:00 PM

**CCLC-487**

**Regional Consultant**

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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.
03/23/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/04/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/13/2017	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
Building 1	1L 2 years	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Building 1	1R 4 year olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Story
Building 1	2L Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	3	11	C	27	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Building 1	2R 2-3 years	Three Year Olds	3	14	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building 1	3L 1 year olds	One Year Olds	2	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Snack
Building 1	Dining		0	0	C	35	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	Middle left 1-2 year olds	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Building 1	Middle right	Four Year Olds	2	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			166			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Building 2	1L School Age	PreK	2	18	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning
Building 2	1R 4-5 years old	PreK	2	20	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			48			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 1	Playground A infants /twos	42	C
Building 1	Playground B	79	C
Building 2	Playground C	60	C
Building 2	Playground D-small left side	5	C

**Comments**

"LET'S GET QUALITY RATED! CAPS 2020 DEADLINE" post card and DECAL Scholars flyer left on site on this date.

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).



**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@decals.ga.gov](mailto: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)



**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.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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Amy Grant, 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.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 10**

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

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met
Child # 7	Met
Child # 8	Met

Child # 9 Met  
Child # 10 Met

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

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**Facility**

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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)** **Met**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Correction Deadline: 8/18/2017**

**Corrected on 3/23/2018**

**Previous citation observed to be corrected in that consultant observed the "Big John" green tractor structure to be repaired on this date.**

**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition** **Met**

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations** **Met**

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Director stated, "No medications dispensed at this time and no emergency medications on site at this time."

**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.05 Animals****N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Correction Deadline: 8/4/2017****Corrected on 3/23/2018****Previous citation observed to be corrected in that consultant observed mats and sheets for each child on this date.****Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 26****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 04/09/2006

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 12/10/2002

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 08/08/2015

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 12/10/2002

Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 11/17/2017	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 04/30/2012	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 05/12/2009	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 01/25/2017	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 10/27/2016	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 10/26/2016	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 02/27/2004	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 12/10/2002	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 08/11/2016	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 07/24/2014	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 07/31/2015	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 02/01/2005	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 02/16/2017	Met
Staff # 20	Met
Staff # 21	Met

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Date of Hire: 01/28/2015

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2013

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 04/10/2017

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 08/24/2015

Staff # 25 Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2016

Staff # 26 Met

Date of Hire: 09/09/2016

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 26****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**

Lead Staff education requirements observed to be met on this date. Consultant reviewed education documents on this date

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.