



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Atlanta, GA 30334**

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Date: 7/17/2018 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-49512

Joyful Noise Child Care & Learning Center

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Quality Rated:

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/17/2018	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 Left Front	One Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	B 2nd left	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	C Center lunchroom		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	D - right side	Infants	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	E 3rd Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	31	C	43	C	Outside
Main	Room E - Back Left	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	16	C	25	C	35	C	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 100		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 48			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 100		Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	16	C
Main	Playground B	28	C
Main	Playground C	45	C
Main	Playground D	12	C

Comments

This facility was granted permission to operate.

The Fire Marshal limited the capacity to 99.

This licensed facility does not carry liability insurance. A sign is posted on the posted notice board.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/17/2018

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).



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. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.decgal.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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@decgal.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://decgal.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.decgal.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@decgal.ga.gov

Candace Warren, Program Official

Date

Angela Byrd, Consultant

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

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

Comment

On this date, Consultant observed equipment, furniture and toys throughout the Center/Home, to be non - hazardous, fully - secured, and not able to cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2018

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

Met

Comment

On this date, the Center Director/Administrator stated that the program will not participate in Swimming/water activities, in water measuring two (2) feet in depth or greater. Consultant discussed Swimming/water requirements with Center Director/Administrator, prior to the visit and on this date. Consultant also stated to Center Director/Administrator that prior to participating in Swimming/water activities, in any type of equipment holding water two (2) feet in depth or greater, the Center is required to contact the assigned Bright from the Start: Regional Consultant, to discuss and review Swimming/water activity Rules.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Discussed 25 square feet rule.

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

Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 on Playground A, B, and C there were bolts measuring over two (2) threads which posed a hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the bolts cut down to two (2) threads or lower and sanded down.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2018

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Consultant observed proper diapering procedures on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on consultant's observation in Classroom B there were not an exhaust fan and not adequate enough window space which posed a hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will add an exhaust fan to the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2018

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Center Director/Owner stated that the Center does not currently dispense medication. Consultant discussed proper medication documentation and administration procedures with Center Director/Owner, prior to the visit and on this date.

Safety

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

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

Comment

The Center Director and Owner stated that the Center will not provide routine Transportation and Field Trips at this time. Consultant discussed with Center Director and Owner, all requirements needed in order to transport and conduct field trips with children. Consultant also stated to Center Director and Owner that prior to providing Transportation and/or Field Trips, the Center is required to complete and maintain documentation of current CPR and First - Aid Training, as well as two (2) clock hours of Transportation Training, regarding the Center Director and all Center Staff participating in any aspect of Transportation, and ensure all Transportation/Field Trip checklists/forms and vehicle requirements are met. Further, Consultant stated to Center Director and Owner, that prior to providing Transportation and/or Field Trips, the Center is required to contact the assigned Bright from the Start: Regional Consultant, to discuss and review all Transportation and Field Trip requirements.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

On this date, Consultant observed six (6) of six (6) cribs used for sleeping and resting, to meet Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards. Consultant also discussed all Infant Safe Sleeping and Resting requirements with Center Director, prior to the visit and on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2018

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 07/17/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/17/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/17/2018	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 07/17/2018	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 07/17/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 07/17/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 07/17/2018	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 07/17/2018	

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 07/17/2018	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 07/17/2018	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 07/17/2018	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 07/17/2018	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 07/17/2018	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 13

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

Comment

On this date, Consultant observed a Satisfactory Gelmato COGENT Criminal Records Check Determination letter, regarding 13 of 13 Center Employees. Consultant also discussed all Gelmato COGENT Criminal Records Check requirements with Center Owner, prior to the visit and on this date.

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

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

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

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.