



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/1/2018 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/01/2018	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	B		0	0	C	19	C	27	C	
Main	C		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Main	D		0	0	C	11	C	15	C	Homework
Main	E-Common Room		0	0	C	71	C	99	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			75			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		75		Building @35 capacity limited by Health Department Limitations
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		75		Building @25 capacity limited by Health Department Limitations

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	30	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/01/2018

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).

	<p>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.</p>
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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@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: <http://decal.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.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

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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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable. A variety of age appropriate equipment and play materials observed.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool on site.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that the exhaust fan was not operable in the hall boys restroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will repair the inoperable exhaust fan and ensure it is maintained in working condition.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2018

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

Met

Comment

The program was limited to 75 children by the environmental health department and the number of toilets available for use.

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 observation that grass/weeds were tall on playground and in the area on the route to the playground. In addition, there was an area of standing water on the playground near the right side of the yard, and soft, muddy ground on the route to the playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2018

Health and Hygiene

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

School-age program only. The program has a plan for diapering in the event that a child with this need is enrolled.

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

Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the 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**

The center's discipline policy was reviewed and approved. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director.

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

Transportation rules and documentation requirements discussed. The vehicle had an annual inspection form completed on March 2, 2018. Staff were observed to have current transportation safety training. Handouts left with the director related to the MFSAB used for transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed the use of cots/mats in the event that a child wants to rest or take a nap. Sheets and covers would be required for the cots/mats.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 2

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2018

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2018

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2

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

Met

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete for four of four staff.

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.
The director met the educational requirement.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Met

Comment

A written supervision plan was created for the route to the playground and for use of the hall restrooms.