



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 8/22/2018    **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 8:50 AM    **Departure:** 12:50 PM

**CCLC-49735**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
08/22/2018	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 Buildin	A-Front Middle		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	Floor Play
Main Buildin	B-Back Right		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Main Buildin	C-Front back-School-age		0	0	C	2	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 21						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 26				
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 21			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 26				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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**Comments**

The purpose of the visit was to conduct an Change of Ownership Initial licensing visit. The provider was issued Permission-to-Operate 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).



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- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

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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.

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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-.03 Activities****Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.03(2) The consultant observed lesson plans posted on this date. The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure the current week's lesson plan is dated.

**Correction Deadline: 8/22/2018**

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)****Met****Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center. The consultant discussed to ensure toys and equipment are age-appropriate.

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

591-1-1-.35(7) - The provider is not providing swimming activities. The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure the wade activity pools are emptied from stagnant water daily. The provider is using the wade pools for ball pit activities.

**Correction Deadline: 8/22/2018**

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 3****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met

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**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.08(1) - The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure the doctor's information is provided, and the enrollment application includes all DECAL requested information. A copy of the updated enrollment form was left with the provider on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 8/22/2018**

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**Facility**

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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained. The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure cleaning supplies/equipment is kept out of the reach of children.

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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.19 - The consultant discussed with the provider 25 square foot rule requirements on this date.

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

591-1-1-.25(13) The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure all hazards are kept out of reach of the children.

**Correction Deadline: 8/22/2018**

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(14) - The consultant observed two light fixtures located in the school-age classroom uncovered, but the classroom is not in use. The provider stated, the two (2) light fixtures will be removed given they are not being used.

**Correction Deadline: 9/21/2018**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair. The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure the route to the playground is free of debris, and any potential hazards. The provider will extend the gated area along the sidewalk entrance to the side of the building to ensure a safe route for the children.

**Comment**

591-1-1-.26(4) The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure the playground fence is monitored for splintering, and any protruding nails and/or other hazards that can be a potential hazard.

**Correction Deadline: 8/22/2018****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6) - The consultant observed a white wood bench with chipped paint to the left side of the play area. The provider stated, the bench will be repainted.

**Correction Deadline: 9/1/2018**

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**Food Service**

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

**Comment**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk  
5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk  
2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://decal.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.18(5) - The consultant discussed with the provider to monitor the refrigerator and freezer to ensure they are maintained at the required temperature. The consultant observed the freezer to read 10 degrees on this date, but once the temperature was adjusted the freezer temperature read -10 degrees on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 8/22/2018**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

There were no diapering children enrolled in the program on this date. The provider will ensure the ventilation fan and warm water is monitored.

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

**Not Met**

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

**Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation, the provider does not have warm running water throughout the building on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

**Correction Deadline: 8/24/2018**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.05 Animals** **Met**

**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)** **Met**

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation. Prior to transporting children, the director and all staff involved in the transportation of children will complete the required two (2) hour transportation training, vehicle inspection and contact their regional consultant.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 2**

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

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Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 04/10/2018	

Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/16/2018	

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**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2**

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

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)1 - The consultant discussed with the provider to ensure lead teacher's without a credential has an written action plan to complete the required credential within 18 months of hire.

**Correction Deadline: 8/22/2018**

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios. The provider is required to maintain two staff members in classroom A-Front Middle given the separate area added this date. The provider will submit a supervision plan.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date. The consultant discussed with the provider DECAL supervision rule/regulation.