



**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:** 1/9/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 8:55 AM

**Departure:** 10:55 AM

**CCLC-49916**

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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.
01/09/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/12/2018	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	

**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-1R- 3's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B-1L-2's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	13	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers,Clean Up
Main	C-1L Back-1's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D-2L-Infants	Infants	2	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap,Free Play
Main	E-Back Left-4's		0	0	C	23	C	33	C	
Main	F-Back Right- 3's &4's	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	25	C	24	NC	33	C	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 120							
Total # Children this Date: 70			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 120		Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A	24	C
Main	PG B	94	C
Main	PG C	55	C

**Comments**

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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.

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#### 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@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us).

- 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://dec.state.ga.us/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.

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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).

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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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

### Activities and Equipment

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Facility

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Discussed movement of children to maintain capacities.

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(8) - Please ensure that outlet covers are replaced when outlets are not in use.

**Correction Deadline: 1/9/2019**

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute to ensure that mats are flush with resilient surface so they do not pose a tripping hazard.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please be mindful of playground equipment that has rust or chipping paint.

**Correction Deadline: 1/9/2019**

## Health and Hygiene

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

#### Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Met

#### Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

## Safety

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

Met

#### Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

### 591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

#### Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

## Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 19

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 04/16/2018

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 02/15/2011

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 07/11/2011

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 09/01/2017

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 08/10/2009

Staff # 8 Met

**Records Reviewed: 19****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Date of Hire: 02/21/2011

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 08/08/2011

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 12/14/2010

Staff # 12

Met

Date of Hire: 10/30/2017

Staff # 14

Met

Date of Hire: 08/05/2013

Staff # 15

Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2014

Staff # 16

Met

Date of Hire: 01/08/2018

Staff # 17

Met

Date of Hire: 08/13/2012

Staff # 18

Met

Date of Hire: 07/10/2018

Staff # 19

Met

Date of Hire: 05/23/2013

**Records Reviewed: 19****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 07/29/2018

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 12/04/2018

Staff # 11

Met

Date of Hire: 07/16/2018

Staff # 13

Met

Date of Hire: 10/15/2018

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 19**

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**Comment**

Director provided two file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.