



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/15/2018 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:25 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
11/15/2018	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-Right hall 1L- Ones		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B-3L-Afterschool		0	0	C	81	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C 3R-Two's		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D-2R-Infants		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E-Left hall 1L Three-Five		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F-2L-Three-Five		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	Building @35 capacity limited by Playground Limitations			
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main-All ages	42	C

Comments

Congratulations permission to operate was granted on this date!

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/15/2018

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).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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

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.decal.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@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).

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

Margaret Hunt, Program Official

Date

Jessica Grant, Consultant

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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 on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities, per the Director.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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(11) - Please ensure the rug underneath the book shelf in classroom F is pulled flat to prevent tripping hazards.

Correction Deadline: 12/15/2018

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please clean the vent fans in classrooms C and D.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2018

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - Please secure the refrigerator cord to the wall in classroom D.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2018

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 observation that bolts in the corners of the fence measured three threads. The top of the fencing material had sharp points exposed around the entire fence.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Director stated they would add foam around the top of the fence and cut back the bolts.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2018**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please remove the large sticks observed throughout the play area.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2018

Health and Hygiene

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

There were no children enrolled in the program on this date. Proper diaper facilities were observed with warm running water and proper ventilation on this date.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. 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 with the Director on this date.

Safety

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

The Center Director stated that the Center will not provide routine Transportation and Field Trips at this time. Consultant discussed with Center Director, all requirements needed in order to transport and conduct field trips with children. Consultant also stated to Center Director 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. Further, Consultant stated to Center Director, 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

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

On this date, Consultant observed five (5) of five (5) 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. Further, Consultant discussed cot and mat disinfecting requirements with Center Director on this date.

Staff Records

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

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 11/15/2018

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 11/15/2018

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 11/15/2018

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date

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

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

A supervision plan was created on this date for bathroom use and the route to the playground.

Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the Director on this date.