



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: 11/8/2018 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-50069

Guardian Angels Learning Center

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Quality Rated: No

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 11/08/2018 | 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 | Room A | | 0 | 0 | C | 8 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | Room B | | 0 | 0 | C | 8 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | Room C | | 0 | 0 | C | 10 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | Room D | | 0 | 0 | C | 8 | C | NA | NA | |

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 34

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 0

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main | Playground | 87 | C |

Comments

Congratulations! This facility was granted permission to operate on this date.

This licensed facility does not carry liability insurance.

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/Regulations.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.dec.state.ga.us/> 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@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.

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

Tammy Burley, 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

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: 11/8/2018

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

The center had no capacity limitations.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on consultant's observation the chairs in Classroom A, B and D has rust on the legs which poses a hazard to the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Director will have the chairs sanded and painted.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2018

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.26(4) - Due to Hurricane Michael the wooden fence sustained some damage from two trees which fell on the fence. Owner is working on fixing the fence on this date.

Please ensure the toys are pressure washed.

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2018

Food Service

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://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

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

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

There were no children present on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date and prior to the visit.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication. Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures on this date. .

Safety

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

Met

Comment

There were no children present on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date.

Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date. Director stated she would use redirection as her form of discipline.

Comment

The Center Director and Owner stated that the Center will not provide Field Trips at this time. Consultant discussed with Center Director and Owner, all requirements needed in order to conduct field trips with children. Consultant also stated to Center Director and Owner that prior to conducting 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 conducting Field Trips, the Center is required to contact the assigned Bright from the Start: Regional Consultant, to discuss and review all Field Trip requirements.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a) - On this date, consultant was not able to observe mats and cots for the classrooms due to change of location. Cots need to be evaluated on the next visit.

Correction Deadline: 11/18/2018

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(b) - On this date, consultant was not able to observe cribs for the classroom due to change of location. Classroom C capacity is ten (10) . Cribs need to be evaluated on the next visit.

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2018

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 5****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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|--------------------------|---------|
| Staff # 3 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 03/21/2016 | |
| Staff # 4 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 07/31/2018 | |
| Staff # 5 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 03/15/2017 | |

Records Reviewed: 5**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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|--------------------------|---------|
| Staff # 1 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 11/08/2018 | |
| Staff # 2 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 11/08/2018 | |

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

On this date, Consultant observed a Satisfactory Gelmato COGENT Criminal Records Check Determination letter, regarding five (5) of five (5) 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)**Not 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.

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on consultant's review of files, lead staff did not meet the minimum academic requirement.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience or enroll in a program.

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2018

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

There were no children present on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date and prior to the visit.

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

A supervision plan was created on this date for Classroom B and D for the bathroom.