



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/27/2019 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:20 AM **Departure:** 2:25 PM

CCLC-50384

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
03/27/2019	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-1L-Infants and 1's		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	B-2L-1's & 2's		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	C-2R-3's & 4's		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	D-1R-2's		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Heath Department Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 0		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A	38	C

Comments

The Child Care Learning Center was granted the Final License and Permission to Operate on this date. No children were present or enrolled during the visit. Four classrooms and one Playground were licensed on this date. The Center's total Licensed capacity is limited to 56 children due to Septic Tank limitations..

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/27/2019

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

Johnna Lindsey, Program Official

Date

Neli Todorova, 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

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

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 activities. Consultant discussed Swimming 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 activities, in 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 Rules.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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 consultant's observation, that there were windows in the bathrooms in classrooms B and C, but they were not screened and opening.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will install exhausts in both bathrooms.

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2019

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

Discussed 25 square feet rule.

Comment

The program has the following capacity limitations: due to Septic Tank limitations the capacity of the center is limited to 56 children.

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****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(5) requires that the playground have a surface suitable for varied activities. Hard surfaces (gravel, concrete, paving) shall not exceed one-fourth of the total area. It was determined based on consultant's observation and measurements that the portion of the playground covered with concrete measured 220 square feet more than the allowed hard surface area for a playground of this size.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The provider will install fences and gates on both sides on the building so that the concrete covered portion of the playground is going to be used only for walking to the playground and not be counted in the overall playground space. Consultant measured the playground space based on the space that will be used after the fences and gates are installed. The concrete covered space measured less than 1/4 of the overall size of the playground.

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2019

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://decalfga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

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

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.18(6) requires that non-disposable dishes, glasses and silverware are properly cleaned by pre-rinsing, or scraping, washing, sanitizing and air drying. A three (3) compartment sink or a dishwasher with a sani-cycle or capability of maintaining a rinse water temperature of a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) degrees Fahrenheit and a two (2) compartment sink shall be available. Dishes, glasses and silverware shall be rinsed in the approved dishwasher or rinsed in a chemical sanitizer and air dried. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the kitchen sink had only one compartment when at least a two compartment sink is required. There was a dishwasher with sani-cycle observed in the kitchen.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff in the required dishwashing methods, will repair or replace any equipment that cannot meet the standards, and will routinely check equipment and monitor dishwashing.

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Comment

The Center was not operating and there were no children enrolled on this date. Consultant discussed Diapering requirements with Center Director and Administrator, prior to the visit and on this date. Additionally, Consultant observed proper diapering facilities (non - porous surface and adjacent sink) with warm running water and proper ventilation.

Finding

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on consultant's observation, that the windows used for ventilation in classroom B did not have screens installed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will install an exhaust vent in the room.

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2019

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

The provider stated that no medication will be administered at the center. Consultant observed that a statement is included in the center's Policies and Procedures. Consultant discussed emergency medication policies, procedures and documentation.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

There were no children enrolled 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.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

The Center Director and Owner stated that the Center will not provide routine Transportation and Field Trips at this time. Consultant discussed with Center Director and Owner, all requirements needed in order to transport and conduct field trips with children. Consultant also stated to Center Director and Owner 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, and ensure all Transportation/Field Trip regulations, checklists/forms and vehicle requirements are met. Further, Consultant stated to Center Director and Owner, 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.

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

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Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Consultant observed two inch thick mats that will be used with cots for the children during Saturday evening care.

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

On this date, Consultant observed nine of nine cribs that will be 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 and Owner, prior to the visit and on this date. Further, Consultant observed the correct number of cots, sheets and covers, and discussed cot disinfecting requirements with Center Director/Owner on this date.

Staff Records

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

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 03/27/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 03/27/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 03/27/2019	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3

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

Comprehensive Criminal record checks were observed to be complete for three staff.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Discussed: Health and Safety Training and CPR/First Aid is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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: due to the diaper changing tables facing the wall, additional staff will be available in the diapering classrooms A and C during diapering. Additional staff will be available to supervise the children on the playground until the fence that blocks off the portions on the playground by the sides of the building, is installed. Additionally, staff will be available to take children to the bathroom in the hallway from classroom C.

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.