



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/5/2020 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:15 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
03/05/2020	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/26/2019	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/10/2019	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	

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-2R-2's	Two Year Olds	1	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Free Play
Main	B-1R-1's & 2's	One Year Olds	1	2	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C-1L-Infants & 1's		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	D-2L-3's & Up		0	0	C	10	C	14	C	
Main	E-Gym-1L-4's & Up	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	16	C	23	C	Circle Time
Main	F-Gym-2L-4's & Up		0	0	C	14	C	20	C	
Main	G-Gym-1R-4's & Up		0	0	C	13	C	19	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 82			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 88							
Total # Children this Date: 17			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 82			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 88		Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/Toddler	19	C
Main	School Age	30	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to do a follow up visit while the provider is on a Temporary License. Permanent License not issued today pending Zoning, Fire Marshall and Building Certificate of Occupancy.
The provider carries Liability Insurance.

Permanent License issued on June 26, 2020. The provider has not yet obtained the Final Certificate of Occupancy due to delays caused by the COVID 19 pandemic. A TA was added to the report on this date and an e-mail sent to the Regional Consultant to follow up with the Provider on obtaining the document at the next regulatory visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/05/2020

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/ChildCare/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/ChildCare/Licensing.aspx> 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

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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

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

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 observation that the exhaust in the bathroom between rooms A and B was not working as it was not pulling the air in.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will repair the exhaust.

Correction Deadline: 4/25/2020

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)

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

591-1-1-.25(10) - Permanent License issued on June 26, 2020. The provider has not yet obtained the Final Certificate of Occupancy due to delays caused by the COVID 19 pandemic. A TA was added to the report on this date and an e-mail sent to the Regional Consultant to follow up with the Provider on obtaining the document at the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2020

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

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please ensure that the missing piece of rubber padding on one of slide steps is replaced or repaired.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2020

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 of children and staff observed throughout the center.

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

The provider reported no medication since the last visit and on this date. Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

The vehicle had a complete first aid kit on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(c) requires that each vehicle be equipped with a fire extinguisher maintained in working order and kept inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation, that the fire extinguisher on the van was not in good working order, as the arrow on the dial was in the red zone.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each vehicle has a working fire extinguisher and that the fire extinguisher is kept out of reach of children.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2020

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Consultant observed eight cribs to meet the safety requirements. The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Comment

No Infants were enrolled or present on the day of the visit. Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

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

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 10/04/2018	
 Staff # 2	 Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/2019	
 Staff # 3	 Met
Date of Hire: 01/22/2019	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided one file for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR
Met**Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2019

Corrected on 3/5/2020

.14(1)(a) - Previous citation corrected on this date as consultant observed that the driver had evidence of current CPR/First aid training.

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**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.