



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/10/2019 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 2:15 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. |
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| 10/10/2019 | Initial Licensing Study | Good Standing | |
| 06/26/2019 | Initial Licensing Study | Good Standing | |
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Ratios/License Capacity

| Building | Room | Age Group | Staff | Children | NC/C | Max 35 SF. | 35 SF. Comp. | Max 25 SF. | 25 SF. Comp. | Notes |
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| Main | A-2R-2's | | 0 | 0 | C | 11 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | B-1R-1's & 2's | One Year Olds | 1 | 5 | C | 8 | C | NA | NA | Free Play |
| Main | C-1L-Infants & 1's | Two Year Olds | 1 | 7 | C | 10 | C | NA | NA | Free Play |
| Main | D-2L-3's & Up | | 0 | 0 | C | 10 | C | 14 | C | |
| Main | E-Gym-1L-4's & Up | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1 | 8 | C | 16 | C | 23 | C | Outside |
| 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 | |
| Main | Gym | | 0 | 0 | C | 0 | C | NA | NA | |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 82 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 88 | | | | | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 20 | | | 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 |
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| Main | Infant/Toddler | 19 | C |
| Main | School Age | 30 | C |

Comments

Permanent License pending Zoning, Fire Marshall and Building Certificate of Occupancy.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 10/24/2019

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.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.

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

Wanda Smith, 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

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.06(2) requires the Center to have bathrooms located on each floor in or adjacent to child care areas and rooms. It was determined based on observation that there were two year old children in classroom C and the bathroom was not adjacent.

Correction Deadline: 11/9/2019

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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 observation that:

- * In room E there were adult scissors, dry erase markers, Gorilla glue and trash bags stored on a teacher's desk and accessible to the children

- * In room C there were soiled clothes stored in plastic grocery bags in children's cubbies.

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Correction Deadline: 10/10/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that :

- *There was one toilet in the gym that was not operating.

- *The electrical outlet on the wall by the diapering station in room C had the plate missing.

- * The exhaust vent cover in the bathroom of room A was separated and hanging from the ceiling.

- * The faucet handle on the sink in room B was separated from the base.

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Correction Deadline: 10/17/2019

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 the chainlink fence around the AC units on the School Age playground was not enclosing the space completely and the AC units were accessible to the children.

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Correction Deadline: 10/10/2019

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

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

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

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Correction Deadline: 7/6/2019

Corrected on 10/10/2019

.36(3)(a-b) - Previous citation corrected as consultant observed current Transportation training on file.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Please ensure that the inside of the vehicle is checked and cleaned daily.

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Correction Deadline: 10/11/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1. requires that all transported children be secured in a child passenger restraining system or seat safety belt in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations and according to manufacturer's directions. It was determined based on observation and review of records that there were no booster seats available for transporting the children in a 12 seat passenger van. Per Georgia law children under age 8 and under 4'9" (57 inches) must be in an approved car seat or booster seat. The children transported had dates of birth in 2012, 2013 and 2011.

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Correction Deadline: 10/11/2019

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| Sleeping & Resting Equipment |
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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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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| Staff Records |
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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: 12/22/2019

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete for 10 staff.

Comment

Please ensure that applicants/staff are listing exact dates (including month/day/year) on 10 year work history form in order to determine any breaks in service from the child care industry.

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.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2019**Corrected on 10/10/2019**

.31(2)(c) - Previous citation corrected as the staff is no longer a Lead Teacher and the Lead Teachers were observed to have the appropriate credentials.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

A supervision plan was created on this date for using only part of the Gym space and keeping the children from the AC units on the playground.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times and that the persons supervising in the child care area be alert, able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the chaperones and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. It was determined based on observation that one staff who was supervising a group of three and four year old children in the women's bathroom in the Gym left the bathroom and the group of children there to go to the Men's bathroom next to it in order to supervise two children there.

Correction Deadline: 10/10/2019