



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/9/2020 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 1:00 PM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-52388

Successful Beginnings Childcare Center

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/09/2020	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing
08/21/2020	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		0	0	C	3	C	NA	NA	
Main	B		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	C		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 19						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Building Department		
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 19			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	44	C

Comments

A virtual initial licensing and exit conference was conducted on September 9, 2020. This was a follow up visit to the August 21, 2020 initial licensing visit.

A copy of the Executive Order issued on June 15, 2020 and the Covid-19 checklist was discussed and copies emailed to the provider on August 21, 2020.

Permission to operate was granted this date. The provider did not have liability insurance and had the required posting.

11/5/20- Amendment submitted to increase capacity. Business Approval letter dated 10/5/20 gives a capacity limit of 19.

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.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

Erika McGee, Program Official

Date

Brianne Walters, 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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through there was no pool observed on the property. Per the provider no swimming activities were provided.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

The program was limited to 10 children per the city of Savannah Business approval letter dated February 11, 2020. * Discussed that due to the current Executive Order of the Governor of Georgia, the program will be limited to only using Room A and either Room B or C, until the order is lifted or modified. The reason for this limitation is due to the partial walls located between Room B and C and the rooms not being self-contained.

On 11/5/20, the program submitted an amendment request form and an updated business approval letter from the City of Savannah dated 10/5/20, increasing the capacity to 19 children. The program can now be licensed to care for 19 children, as long as the previously mentioned stipulations set forth by the Executive order of the Governor are followed.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through storage of cleaning supplies and possible hazards were discussed. There were no hazards observed to be accessible.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2020

Corrected on 9/9/2020

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through this citation was observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2020

Corrected on 9/9/2020

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through this citation was observed to be corrected.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2020

Corrected on 9/9/2020

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through this citation was observed to be corrected. The playground was observed clean and free of hazards.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and disinfecting requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director/Provider on this date. During the virtual walk through the diapering area was observed and the provider displayed proper knowledge of the rules and regulations

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements were discussed with the Director/Provider on this date.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

Met

Comment

Note: The director was approved for a variance for the 40-hour director training with the following stipulations:

1. Submit verification of courses and credentials obtained to the Georgia Professional Development System, www.gapds.decal.ga.gov
2. Complete Bright from the Start approved trainings within six (6) months of Permission to Operate being granted. The required content areas are:
 - a. Advocacy for the Center, Parents, Children and Staff
 - b. Early Learning Standards (GELDS training) and
 - c. Licensing Rules and Regulations Training.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2020

Safety

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The center's discipline policy and regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Center does not provide routine transportation or field trips at this time. Consultant discussed with the director that prior to providing transportation and/or field trips, staff are required to complete and maintain documentation of current CPR and First - Aid Training, as well as two (2) clock hours of transportation training. In addition, prior to providing transportation, the regional consultant will be contacted to discuss and review all transportation requirements.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 8/21/2020****Corrected on 9/9/2020**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through three new cribs in Room A were observed to meet CPSC safety standards.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 6**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/21/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/21/2020	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/21/2020	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/21/2020	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/21/2020	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/21/2020	

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 six current employees.

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.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director. A supervision plan was developed for the playground.