



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/24/2020 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
04/24/2020	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	Room A		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room B		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room C	Three Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	2	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room D		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			44			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0		
Total # Children this Date:			2			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		44		
Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0		

Building @35 capacity limited by Health Department Limitations

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A (Infants-2's)	35	C
Main	Playground B (3+)	34	C

Comments

This initial licensing study was performed virtually via GoToMeeting.

The facility received their temporary license today. A permanent license will be issued upon receipt of all required documents. This center does not carry liability insurance.

The license capacity of this facility is limited to 44 children based on the capacity of the septic tank system.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/23/2020

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/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

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

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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-.19 License Capacity(CR) **Met**

Comment

The program has the following capacity limitations: The program is limited to 44 children based on the capacity of the septic tank system.

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

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(6) - Please add bags to hooks in Room B to create accessible storage for children.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2020

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 consultant's observation that the fence gate located on Playground B had a four and a half inch gap between the bottom of the gate and the ground. Additionally, a fence pole on Playground A contained an exposed concrete footing at the base of the pole.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will add additional fencing material to the gate on Playground B to lessen the gap at the bottom. The center will cover the exposed concrete footing so that it is no longer a hazard.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2020**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the resilient surfacing in the fall zone of the monkey bars located on Playground B measured three inches in depth when the requirement is six inches.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones of the monkey bars and monitor daily to ensure that adequate resilient surfacing is present at all times.

Correction Deadline: 5/22/2020**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure sticks and debris are cleaned from the play area daily. Please ensure that a playground maintenance checklist is followed to ensure that the play area is monitored for hazards daily.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2020

Health and Hygiene

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

Comment

591-1-1-.10(2) The consultant observed changing surfaces that were adjacent to sinks and proper exhaust in Room A and Room B.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2020

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge in regards to handwashing of staff and children.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.27 - Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date. Please ensure staff in charge sign is displayed in the lobby.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

Comment

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

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation. If the center decides to provide transportation, they will notify the regional consultant as well as obtain the mandatory two hour transportation training.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

591-1-1-.30(1)(a) On this date the consultant observed six cribs in Room A that were in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2020

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 - The consultant observed four of six crib mattresses in Room A to be quilted and porous. On this date, there were no infants enrolled in the facility. The provider will replace the quilted mattresses with non-porous mattresses before enrolling infants.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2020

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)4 - The provider will add cot covers to the cots and mats in Room B, Room C, and Room D.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2020

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 09/30/2019

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 02/15/2020

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 02/15/2020

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. the consultant observed satisfactory comprehensive criminal record check determinations for three of three employees on this 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

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

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

Comment

A supervision plan was created on this date for the location of the changing table in Room A.