



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/18/2021 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 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.
08/18/2021	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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
Building 1	Room A	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 19			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Building 2	Room B	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Art
Building 2	Room C		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Building 2	Room D	Four Year Olds	2	15	C	31	C	NA	NA	Art, Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 67			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 32			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 86			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 1	Playground - A (Large)	35	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on August 18, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in-person inspection was conducted on August 18, 2021 with the Director.

Congratulations! This center was granted permission to operate on this date.

This center carries liability insurance. The documents were emailed to the provider and is with the state file.

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

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/> 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

Sharon Bryant, Program Official	Date
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Brittany Sams, Consultant	Date
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Angela Byrd, 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

On this date, consultant observed equipment, furniture and toys throughout the center, to be non - hazardous, fully - secured, and not able to cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over.

Correction Deadline: 8/18/2021

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

Met

Comment

On this date, the center director stated that the program will not participate in swimming/water activities, in water measuring two (2) feet in depth or greater. Consultant discussed swimming/water requirements with center director, prior to the visit and on this date. Consultant also stated to center director that prior to participating in swimming/water activities, in any type of equipment holding 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/water activity rules.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

The program has a capacity of 86 occupants.

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

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the protruding screws are cut down to two (2) threads. On this date consultant observed protruding screws on the gate are of playground A with soft rubber caps on them. Consultant discussed with the provider screws would need to be cut down to two (2) threads.

Correction Deadline: 8/18/2021

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the gaps on the wooden play structure and railing of the porch is covered with mesh to prevent an entrapment hazard. Consultant also discussed with the center director on this date to be sure to add a board on the back of the stairs of the wooden play structure to prevent a tripping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed on this date.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures on this date and prior to the visit.

Safety

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

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

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

The center director stated that the center will not provide field trips at this time. Consultant discussed with center director, all requirements needed in order to conduct field trips with children. Consultant also stated to center director that prior to conducting 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 checklists/forms and vehicle requirements are met. Further, Consultant stated to center director, that prior to conducting field trips, the center is required to contact the assigned Bright from the Start: Regional Consultant, to discuss and review all field trip requirements.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

On this date, consultant observed 10 cribs 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, prior to the visit and on this date. Further, consultant observed a pleasant nap time environment, and discussed cot and mat disinfecting requirements with center director on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 8**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/29/2011	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/18/2021	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 03/17/2007	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 02/25/2020	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 11/18/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 11/02/2011	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 06/04/2021	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 05/16/2016	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

On this date, consultant observed a Satisfactory Gelmato COGENT Criminal Records Check Determination letter, regarding 8 center employees. Consultant also discussed all Gelmato COGENT Criminal Records Check requirements with center owner, prior to the visit.

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

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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 on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

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

A supervision plan was created on this date.

Bathroom Supervision

Due to the restroom for Classroom A and B being located directly outside of the classroom, which is 1 foot away from the classroom. The students will be escorted by the director or floater employee when going to and from the restroom. The employee will walk with the student and wait until student is done using the restroom and walk the student back to the classroom.

Playground

Due to the shape of the playground, teacher will position herself so that she is able to have a watchful sight over the children in care.

Comment

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