



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Date:** 10/29/2019 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:50 AM **Departure:** 3:40 PM

**CCLC-937**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |  |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
|------------------------------------|--|---------------|--|
| 10/29/2019                         | Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study  | Good Standing |  |
| 07/29/2019                         | POI Follow Up                              | Good Standing |  |
| 04/19/2019                         | Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit | 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                            | 1st Left  | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2                               | 17       | C    | 22         | C            | 31         | C            | Nap                     |
| Main                            | 1st Right | Infants                            | 2                               | 9        | C    | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap,Feeding,Flo or Play |
| Main                            | 2nd Left  | PreK                               | 2                               | 15       | C    | 19         | C            | 27         | C            | Nap                     |
| Main                            | 2nd Right | One Year Olds                      | 2                               | 7        | C    | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Free Play               |
| Main                            | 3rd Left  | PreK                               | 2                               | 14       | C    | 27         | C            | 38         | C            | Nap                     |
| Main                            | 3rd Right | Two Year Olds                      | 1                               | 7        | C    | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                     |
| Main                            | 4th Right | Three Year Olds                    | 2                               | 17       | C    | 32         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                     |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 157 |           |                                    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 185 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                         |
| Total # Children this Date: 86  |           |                                    | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 157 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                         |
|                                 |           |                                    | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 185 |          |      |            |              |            |              |                         |

| Building | Playground                   | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | PG- Left and Rear Playground | 90                   | C                     |
| Main     | PG- Right                    | 62                   | C                     |

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/29/2019

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.

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#### 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](mailto: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.

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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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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Brenda Warren, Program Official

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

### Activities and Equipment

#### 591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

##### Comment

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

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

N/A

##### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Facility

#### 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)

Technical Assistance

##### Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

##### Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - The consultant discussed with the director to ensure the bolts on the bottoms of the toilets were covered with protective caps on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 10/29/2019**

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

Met

##### Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

### Food Service

**Finding**

591-1-1-.15(4) requires that a feeding chair or similar equipment designed for feeding children shall be provided for the use of each child being fed who is capable of sitting up but who is unable to sit unassisted at a table and must be cleaned with a disinfectant after each use. Such chair or similar equipment shall have a broad base to prevent tipping, a surface that the child cannot raise, a strap or other device which prevents the child from sliding out of the chair, and a feeding surface free of cracks. It was determined, based on observation, that an infant was observed not strapped in while being fed in a high chair in the 1st Right Room on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will inspect feeding equipment to ensure it meets each of the listed criteria and to verify a feeding chair or equipment is provided for each child who requires one. The Center will train staff and monitor to ensure that the feeding equipment is cleaned with a disinfectant after each use.

**Correction Deadline: 10/29/2019**

**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)****N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety****591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

**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)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.13(2) requires Center Staff to obtain written permission from Parents in advance of the child's participation in any field trip and such permission must be signed and dated by a Parent. It was determined, based on review of records, that for the field trip taken October 28, 2019 to Steed's Dairy Farm, nine of seventeen written permission from parents was lacking the date the permission was granted on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Center Staff will have and use a system to obtain written field trip permission in advance and ensure the permission is signed and dated by the responsible person.

**Correction Deadline: 10/29/2019**

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 9****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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|--------------------------|-----|
| Staff # 1                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/16/2018 |     |
| Staff # 2                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 01/01/2012 |     |
| Staff # 3                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/07/2017 |     |
| Staff # 4                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 07/21/2009 |     |
| Staff # 5                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 07/29/2019 |     |
| Staff # 6                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 06/02/2014 |     |
| Staff # 7                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/01/2019 |     |
| Staff # 8                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 01/15/2019 |     |
| Staff # 9                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 06/08/2016 |     |

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**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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**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.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

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