



**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:** 2/1/2021    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 1:00 PM    **Departure:** 2:00 PM

**CCLC-970**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
02/01/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
07/29/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/21/2020	Monitoring Visit	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
Bldg 1	1st Left	One Year Olds	2	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 1	1st Right		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Bldg 1	2nd Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 1	2nd Right	Infants	3	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Bldg 1	3rd Left	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 1	3rd Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 1	4th Left( Back)		0	0	C	23	C	33	C	
Bldg 1	4th Right	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 1	5th Right (back)	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	28	C	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 144						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 269				
Bldg 2	Bottom Level Left		0	0	C	47	C	65	C	
Bldg 2	Bottom Level Right		0	0	C	26	C	37	C	
Bldg 2	Left side 1st Right	PreK	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 2	Left side 2nd Right	PreK	2	17	C	21	C	30	C	Nap
Bldg 2	Right side back		0	0	C	2	C	NA	NA	
Bldg 2	Right side Front Room		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 269				
Total # Children this Date: 98			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 269			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 269				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg 1	Back 3-12 yrs	75	C
Bldg 1	Left Front 2yr	36	C
Bldg 1	Right Back 1yr	13	C
Bldg 1	Right Front Infants	15	C


**Comments**

A virtual inspection was conducted on February 1, 2021 with the Director, Kim Shipes. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Consultant discussed COVID-19 checklist, provided Communicable Disease Chart, Live Scan Instructions and Rule Changes.

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

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](mailto: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)





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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

### Activities and Equipment

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

Met

#### Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020.

#### 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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Met

#### Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair. Consultant discussed with Director to fluff and redistribute mulch as needed on this date.

### Health and Hygiene

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

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Comment**

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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**Safety**

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

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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**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 37**

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

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 02/07/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 01/26/2016	
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met

Date of Hire: 01/28/2020

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 01/28/2020

Staff # 10 Met

Staff # 11 Met

Staff # 12 Met

Staff # 13 Met

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 09/26/2019

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 04/17/2017

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 05/20/2019

Staff # 17 Met

Staff # 18 Met

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 03/06/2018

Staff # 20 Met

Staff # 21 Met

Staff # 22 Met

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 07/27/2017

Staff # 24 Met

Staff # 25 Met

Date of Hire: 08/05/2019

Staff # 26 Met

Staff # 27 Met

Staff # 28 Met

Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 02/10/1997	Met
Staff # 30	Met
Staff # 31	Met
Staff # 32	Met
Staff # 33	Met
Staff # 34 Date of Hire: 07/01/2019	Met
Staff # 35	Met
Staff # 36	Met
Staff # 37 Date of Hire: 09/05/2019	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 20**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided fourteen files for employees hired since July 29, 2020 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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.