

Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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Cover Sheet

Date: 5/13/2021 Arrival: 1:00 PM Departure: 2:00 PM **VisitType:** Incident Investigation by

Phone

CCLC-38289

South Rome Early Learning Center

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Quality Rated: *





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Compliance Zone Designation				
05/13/2021	Incident Investigation by Phone	Good Standing		
04/20/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
12/01/2020	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

Deficient

Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.

Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

Ratios/License Capacity

Comments

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





Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

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

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright fron programs on accessing and retrieving from the Ge registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's we	orgia Bureau of Investig	gation's (GBI) website a list of the names ar	nd addresses of all
Refutation Process:			
You have the right to refute any of the citations no information to CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov.	oted in this report with w	rhich you disagree. To refute a citation(s),	e-mail the following
1) Facility name, license number and visit date 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-ma 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, a			d
Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Serv	vices (CCS) within 10 bu	isiness days of the completion date.	
A sample form for submitting a refutation can be	found at: http://decal.ga	gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformat	ion.aspx
Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriat about this process, contact our office at 404-657-		rill follow up with you about your concerns.	If you have any questions
Bright from the Start recommends that all license do not have this liability insurance, you are requiparent or guardian of each child in care in writing file at the program at all times while the child attraction (20-1A-4)	ired to post a notice with g, obtain their signature	n ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in to acknowledge receipt and maintain this w	the program, notify the program, notify the
Cayce Jacobson, Program Official	Date	Chasity Baugh, Consultant	Date
Karyn Presley, Consultant	Date		



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation by Phone:

Staff Records Records Reviewed: 20 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0 Staff # 1 Met Date of Hire: 09/01/2016 Staff # 2 Met Date of Hire: 08/23/2021 Staff #3 Met Date of Hire: 08/26/2019 Staff #4 Met Date of Hire: 01/13/2020 Staff #5 Met Date of Hire: 08/23/2021 Staff #6 Met Date of Hire: 08/26/2019 Staff #7 Met Date of Hire: 08/19/2020 Staff #8 Met Date of Hire: 08/25/2021 Staff #9 Met

Records Reviewed: 20	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0			
Date of Hire: 11/15/2021				
Staff # 10	Met			
Date of Hire: 08/01/2021				
Staff # 11	Met			
Date of Hire: 07/19/2021				
Staff # 12	Met			
Date of Hire: 08/23/2021				
Staff # 13	Met			
Date of Hire: 11/15/2021				
Staff # 14	Met			
Date of Hire: 08/23/2021				
Staff # 15	Met			
Date of Hire: 08/26/2019				
Staff # 16	Met			
Date of Hire: 07/31/2019				
Staff # 17	Met			
Date of Hire: 12/28/2019				
Staff # 18	Met			
Date of Hire: 03/04/2021				
Staff # 19	Met			
Staff # 20	Met			
Date of Hire: 08/26/2019				
Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3				
591-1-109 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Me				

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

Wet

Comment

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based upon a required report, staff interviews, photo evidence and staff statements that a three-year-old child was left unattended on the playground for approximately five minutes.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2021