

# 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:** 9/8/2021 Arrival: 8:00 AM Departure: 11:00 AM VisitType: Licensing Study

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# NORTH HENRY ACADEMY EXTENDED CARE

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Quality Rated: 👚





Compliance Zone Designation				
09/08/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
05/06/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
10/09/2020	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

Support Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting

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. I	Room 103	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	С	9	С	NA	NA	Floor Play
Bldg. I	Room 105	Two Year Olds	1	7	С	10	С	NA	NA	Transitioning
Bldg. I	Room 106/108	Three Year Olds	1	14	С	16	С	23	С	Art
Bldg. I	Room 111	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	14	С	24	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg. I	Room 114		0	0	С	7	С	NA	NA	Not In Use
Bldg. I	Room 115		0	0	С	20	С	28	С	Not In Use
`		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 8	6		Total C	apacity @	25 sq.			

Total # Children this Date: 41 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 86 Total Capacity @25 sq.

ft.: 101

Building	Building Playground		Playground Compliance
Bldg. I	Plad-Main	80	C

An Administrative Review was conducted on September 8, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on September 9, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/08/2021

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 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.

- 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: <a href="http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx">http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx</a>

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)

Cynthia Temple, Program Official	Date	April Brown, Consultant	Date	



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# **Findings Report**

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# The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

# **Activities and Equipment**

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

Met

### Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

N/A

# Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. There was no pool on the property per the director on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# **Children's Records**

# Records Reviewed: 5 Child # 1 Child # 2 Child # 3 Met Child # 4 Child # 4 Child # 5 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0 Met Met Met Met Met

# 591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

# Comment

Parent authorizations obtained and completed on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Facility** 

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

Met

### Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Met

### Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

**Technical Assistance** 

### Comment

Playgrounds observed to be clean and in good repair on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# **Technical Assistance**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute throughout playground areas surrounding the swings and yellow sliding structure. 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. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2021

**Food Service** 

# 591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

**Technical Assistance** 

# Comment

Consultant discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Comment

Infant feeding plans reviewed for two enrolled infants in care on this date. Please continue to ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Technical Assistance**

Menu was revised for September 10, 2021 in order to meet the following guidelines: 591-1-1-.15(7) requires that food be served according to manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2021

# **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. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# 591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

### Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# 591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

### Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# **Policies and Procedures**

# 591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

### Comment

Program observed to have completed emergency drills as required on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# 591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

**Technical Assistance** 

# **Technical Assistance**

Please ensure the Director or designated person-in-charge report to the Department within twenty-four (24) hours or the next work day: any death of a child while in the care of the Center; any serious illness or injury requiring hospitalization or professional medical attention other than first aid of a child while in the care of the Center; any situation when a child in care becomes missing, such as, but not limited to, a child who is left on a vehicle, a child who leaves the building, playground, or property, or a child who is left behind on any trip; any fire; any structural disaster; any emergency situation that requires temporarily relocating children; and any time the program's operating status changes (i.e., open to closed or temporarily closed and temporarily closed to open). A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2021

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals N/A

# Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises at this time. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Met

# Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# 591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

N/A

### Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

N/A

# Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation at this time. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# **Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Met

### Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the director and infant staff member on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# **Staff Records**

Records Reviewed: 13	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 08/04/2021	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 08/16/2021	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 06/13/2021	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 07/27/2020	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 02/01/1999	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 07/26/2021	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 08/31/2021	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 01/08/2020	Met
Staff # 9	Met

Records Reviewed: 13 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 07/01/1998

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2020

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2021

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 08/23/1999

Staff # 13 Met

# 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 on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Comment

Director provided six files for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on May 6, 2021. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# 591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

### Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

### Comment

Documentation observed of required annual staff training for 2020 on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# Comment

The director and cook completed four hours of nutrition training as required. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2021

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

### Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# Comment

Please ensure newly hired teachers who do not possess the educational and qualifying child care experience requirements enroll in a program of study to obtain one of the educational credentials and qualifying experience requirements as required by these rules within six months after employment at the Center and complete the credential or degree within 18 months after enrollment. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Correction Deadline: 9/8/2021

**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. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Met

### Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date. Consultant discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: 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. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.