

# 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: 6/3/2021 Arrival: 8:00 AM VisitType: Licensing Study Departure: 11:00 AM

**CCLC-46674** 

# **ECLC Community Learning Center**

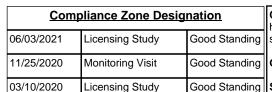
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Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient.

Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting Support

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

### Ratios/License Capacity

## Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on June 3, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on June 9, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 28, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

**Deficient** 

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/03/2021

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: <a href="https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/">https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/</a>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a>

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, little/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 questic 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 yo 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 of 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)	O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright f programs on accessing and retrieving from the registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's	Georgia Bureau of Inv	estigation's (GBI) website a list of the names a	and addresses of all
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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 at this time. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# **Children's Records**

# Records Reviewed: 5 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Child # 1 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers

Child # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers

Child # 4 Met

Child # 5 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers

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

**Not Met** 

### Comment

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

### **Finding**

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on a review of records four out of five children's files were missing the father's work number.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2021

**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)

Met

### Comment

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

**Food Service** 

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

Met

## Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines on this date. 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

Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used in the event infants become enrolled as currently the director reported there were no infants enrolled at this time. 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.

# 591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

### Comment

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

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

### Comment

Hand washing and sanitizing 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

Hand washing requirements were discussed with the director on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

N/A

### Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time. 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

Met

# Comment

Discussed reporting requirements with the director on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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.

# 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)

Met

### Comment

A current and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children on this date. Vehicle with tag number ending in QU264 was completed on October 26, 2020 and vehicle with tag number ending in UG218 was completed on November 16, 2020. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed for transportation completed from May 17, 2021 through May 28, 2021. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Comment

Transportation checklists were discussed with the director. Please ensure the correct vehicle tag numbers are documented on the transportation checklists as required. 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 on this date; however, the director reported there were no infants enrolled at this time. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# Staff Records

### **Records Reviewed: 9** Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0 Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 06/07/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90

calendar days of hired

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 03/24/2021 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90

calendar days of hired

Staff #3 Met

Date of Hire: 10/16/2020

Staff #4 Met Records Reviewed: 9 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 05/01/2011

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 06/08/2021 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90

calendar days of hired

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 10/21/2019

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/2021

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 06/07/2021 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90

calendar days of hired

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 01/21/2020

## Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

## 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 five files for employees hired since last visit which was completed on November 25, 2020. 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. Consultant also discussed with the director to ensure that at least half of the staff members present have First Aid and CPR are on the premises at all times. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

### Comment

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

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

## Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing recommendations 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 28, 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.