



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/21/2020 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
12/21/2020	Initial Licensing Study	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
Main	A (1L) Pre-K 1		0	0	NC	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	B (2L) Pre-K 2		0	0	NC	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	C (BM) 3 year		0	0	NC	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	D- (BR) 3's		0	0	NC	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	E (MR)- 4- 13 yr		0	0	NC	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	F(M) 5-13 yrs		0	0	NC	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	G (FR) - 1's & 2's		0	0	NC	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	H (1r) 6wks- 18 mths		0	0	NC	14	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 112						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 112			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on December 15, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on December 21, 2020. The exit conference was conducted virtually on December 21, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. with the Director. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 18, 2020 was reviewed during the inspection and discussed during the exit conference. Facility does carry Liability Insurance. A Temporary License was issued on this date. Final Renewable license is pending Zoning, Fire Inspection, Certificate of Occupancy, and proof of Water/Sewer services.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/21/2020

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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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: <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)



Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Shirley Jackson, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) **Met**

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured.

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

Temporary Licensed issued on this date. Final License pending all approvals - zoning, fire inspection, updated Certificate of Occupancy, proof of water/sewer services. Room measurements were taken on this date due to a hallway being installed. Overall licensed capacity is limited to 112 children. Two GA-Pre-K classrooms were listed under the old ownership and two variances were submitted for their capacities.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) **Not Met**

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. Consultant discussed keeping the toilet brushes and plungers in the storage closet.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(17) requires that the Center premises be free of plants and shrubs which are poisonous or hazardous. It was determined based on observation that there was vegetation growing through out fence around playgrounds A and B. Further consultant observed ivy and rose bushes growing on playgrounds A and B.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The harmful item will be removed.

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2021

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the back of the fence on playground A measured three (3) feet six (6) inches to three (3) feet eight (8) inches when it is required to measure at least four (4) feet. Further consultant observed 67 protruding bolts around the gates and fence poles of playgrounds A and B.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add a six (6) foot privacy fence along the back of playground A and cut down all the protruding bolts, .

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2021

Comment

591-1-1-.26(8) - Center removed swings and tire swing on this date as they did not meet the fall zone requirements and children had not been outside prior the inspection on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2020

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that there were broken tree limbs and pine cones throughout playgrounds A and B.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove the tree limbs and pine cones and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards daily.

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during the Initial Licensing Study on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Consultant observed three (3) vehicles on the property that do not belong to the new owner and are not in use. Center currently does not provide routine transportation. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hour transportation training prior to transporting children.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Seven (7) of seven (7) cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards as they were manufactured in 2012 and 2014. Center will purchase more cribs as enrollment increases. Further consultant observed mats and cots for the remainder capacity on this date.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Ten (10) of ten (10) staff records staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Comment

591-1-1-.31(13) - Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during the Initial Licensing Study on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 18, 2020.

Correction Deadline: 12/21/2020

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**

A supervision plan was created on this date for classrooms A, B, C, and D for hand washing. A supervision plan was also created on this date for the bathrooms located in the hallway for classrooms A, B, C, and D,. A supervision plan was also created for classroom B, C, E, F, and G due to their shape and playground A due to its shape. A diapering supervision plan was also created for classrooms G and H.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.