

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: 10/6/2021 Arrival: 10:00 AM Departure: 12:00 PM VisitType: Licensing Study

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Quality Rated: No

Com	pliance Zone Desig		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						
10/06/2021	Licensing Study		standing, support, and deficient.						
03/26/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	Good Standing -	Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.					
10/22/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	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	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	7	С	26	С	NA	NA	Snack,Story
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18	35 sq. ft.: 18		25 sq.	Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request				
Total # Children this Date: 7		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18		Total Capacity @25 sq.						

Building	Playground	Occupancy	Compliance	
Main	Playground	38	C	

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on October 6th, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on October 6th, 2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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://gualityrated.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: 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)

Shannon Nix, Program Official	Date	Stephanie Clark, Consultant	Date
Neli Todorova, 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-,03 Activities Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Records Reviewed: 5

591-1-1-.03(2) - Consultant discussed with the provider to have current lesson plans available in the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2021

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

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

Child # 5

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Met

Child # 1 Met
Child # 2 Met
Child # 3 Met
Child # 4 Met

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - Consultant discussed with provider to cover the outlets on the surge protector.

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2021

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.26 – Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazards: - Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and toys. Potential entrapment hazards in the fence surrounding the playground area. Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e. ants, bees, etc.). Loose and/or weak tree branches surrounding the playground area. Standing water in and around playground equipment after inclement weather. Fall zones and resilient surface.

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.18(5) - Consultant reminded the provider that the freezer temperature should be at zero.

Correction Deadline: 10/6/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

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

Met

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. The program currently does not have Infants enrolled and there were no cribs on site. Consultant discussed with the provider to complete an Amendment in the DECAL Koala account and remove the age group from the license.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 01/07/2020

Staff # 2

Date of Hire: 09/08/2021 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90

calendar days of hired

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 01/01/2002

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 02/25/2019

Staff # 5

Date of Hire: 02/25/2019

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.

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

Met

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Comment

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Technical Assistance

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(3) - Reminder that any staff with direct child care responsibilities should be required to have the health and safety training, CPR/First aid and follow up with 10 hours required yearly training,

Comment

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire 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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.