



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/30/2021 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 10:30 AM

CCLC-54485

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
08/30/2021	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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	B- 5 year old	Five Year Olds	1	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	C- 4 year olds	Four Year Olds	1	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D- 4year olds		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	E- 12- 16 years	Six Year Olds and Over	1	4	C	10	C	NA	NA	Homework
Main	F- 6- 11 yrs	Six Year Olds and Over	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Homework, Centers
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 22			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 50			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A: 4 years	17	C
Main	PG B: 5-16 yrs	30	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on August 24, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on August 30, 2021. The exit conference was conducted virtually on September 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. with the Director. Permission to Operate issued on this date. Facility does carry Liability Insurance.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/30/2021

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.dec.al.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.dec.al.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@dec.al.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://dec.al.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 New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov

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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. Consultant observed no pool on site.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Permission to Operate issued on this date. The overall licensed capacity is 55 children.

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

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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 all the bolts around the fence gates and poles were protruding more than two threads. Further, Consultant discussed having teachers check the playgrounds prior to children going out to ensure the playground fences are completely closed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will cut down the bolts to two threads and smooth off the edges.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2021

Finding

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. It was determined based on consultants observations that the swing structure was not an approved structure as it did not allow for an adequate fall zone between the swings and the slide. Further there was eight (8) feet of fall zone behind the swings when it was required to have eleven and a half (11-1/2) feet of fall zone.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove the current structure (swing/slide together) and add an individual swing set. Further when they install the new swing set they will ensure it meets the required fall zone in front and behind the swings (length of the chain plus seven feet)

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2021

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk
5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk
2 of 5 Components for snack.
Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.
The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:
DECAL: <http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>
USDA: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

No children enrolled who require diapering. Program serves children four (4) year to 16 years old. Consultant discussed the American Disability Act guidelines and alternate methods used for diapering.

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.

Organization

Finding

591-1-1-.16(c) prohibits the operation of a Child Care Learning Center without a License or Permit. A separate License or Permit is required for each address or location at which a Center is proposed to be operated even when all of the proposed Centers are owned by the same person or entity. A separate License or Permit is also required for each Center operated at a single location by the same governing body. It was determined based on observation that the center was operating without a license or an approved exemption on this date with 22 children present.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Permission to Operate was granted on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/30/2021

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

Center does not provide routine transportation. Center does not provide routine transportation or field trips. 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) hours transportation training prior to transporting children.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 requires that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child; and that mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick. It was determined based on observation that the mats/sleep sacks used measured less than one half (1/2) inches when they are to measure two (2) inches.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will purchase the two (2) in mats for the children who nap to lay on.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2021

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 07/22/2021

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 07/22/2021

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 07/22/2021

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 07/22/2021

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 07/22/2021

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 07/22/2021

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 07/22/2021

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 07/22/2021

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 07/22/2021

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Nine (9) of nine (9) 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.

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 the distance to the restrooms. A supervision plan was also created for handwashing for all classrooms on this date.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.