



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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Date: 1/29/2024 VisitType: Initial Licensing Study Arrival: 10:00 AM Departure: 3:30 PM

CCLC-62494

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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. |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 01/29/2024                  | Initial Licensing Study | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             |                         |               | <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.                                                                                                                |
|                             |                         |               | <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.                                                                                                                          |
|                             |                         |               | <b>Deficient</b> - 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                           | 1Left AS Preschool-2nd |                                | 0     | 0        | C                             | 11         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                           | 1R-4 months-18 months  |                                | 0     | 0        | C                             | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                           | 2L AS 3rd-5th          |                                | 0     | 0        | C                             | 11         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                           | 2R-18month-36month     |                                | 0     | 0        | C                             | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Main                           | 3R-Preschool           |                                | 0     | 0        | C                             | 13         | C            | NA         | NA           |       |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 59 |                        |                                |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |       |
| Total # Children this Date: 0  |                        | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 59 |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |       |

| Building | Playground               | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground A-Afterschool | 27                   | C                     |
| Main     | Playground B-Toddler     | 28                   | C                     |

#### Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on January 3, 2024 . Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on January 29, 2024. The exit conference was conducted virtually on January 29, 2024 at 1:32 pm with the Provider. Permission to operate was issued on this date. Facility does carry Liability Insurance. License capacity is 59.

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), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com) with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

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 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Jennifer Brinkley, 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)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.12(5) requires Center Staff to provide table space for each child who is able to sit at a table unassisted and an appropriately sized chair or bench for each child who is not an infant and who is able to use a chair or bench. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that the chairs and tables in the infant and toddler classrooms were not appropriately sized as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide required equipment as noted.

**Correction Deadline: 3/6/2024**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Met**

**Comment**

The provider was reminded to ensure to keep the vents in the bathroom clean so that there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases.

**Correction Deadline: 2/28/2024**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

PTO was granted, the overall capacity is 59.

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

The consultant reminded the provider that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies should be stored in a locked area and inaccessible to children. The day of the visit there were no children present.

**Correction Deadline: 1/29/2024**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

The consultant discussed maintenance of resilient surface and advised the provider to fluff and redistribute.

**Technical Assistance**

The consultant discussed with the provider that the playground equipment shall be age-appropriate. The boat outdoor equipment on the after school playground shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Therefore the blue rings at the top of the boat will be removed and a supervision plan given to address maintenance and supervision for the blind spots under the boat during play.

**Correction Deadline: 2/8/2024****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 the consultant's observation that the gutters on the after school playground needed guards, the concrete on the exit from the classroom to the playground needed flushing and made even to the grass and the ant bed on the right corner closest to the parking lot needed to be treated. Also the fence enclosing the air conditioning unit on the toddler playground has a gap that caused an entrapment hazard.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 2/26/2024**

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**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****N/A****Comment**

The center does not provide food and has documented that all meals will be provided by the parent.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

Staff stated proper procedures. Sinks with warm running water observed adjacent to proper diapering surfaces in all classrooms approved for diapering.

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**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication. Discussed medication documentation, administration, and storage.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices****Met****Comment**

The consultant discussed with the provider all of the documents required to be posted at the entrance of the center by the agency.

**Correction Deadline: 1/29/2024**

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**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date. This location is not currently providing transportation because it is not open. Vehicle information, insurance, first aid kit and fire extinguisher were observed on this date.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Consultant observed Five (5) of five (5) cribs meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards manufactured in 2023. Center requests to keep the capacity at the maximum capacity in the event of an overflow. Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the owner during the inspection visit.

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**Staff Records**

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

Four (4) of four (4) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Met****Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.

