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Date: 5/28/2024 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 6:00 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/28/2024	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	Infant One 6weeks-6 months		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	Infant two 6-12 months		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	Pre- K		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	Preschool I 36-42 months		0	0	C	31	C	NA	NA	
Main	Preschool II 42-48 months		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	
Main	School Age 5 to 12		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	Toddler 3 20-24 months		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	Toddler Two 16-20 months		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	Toodler 1 12-16 months		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	Two's one 24-28 months		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	Two's two 28-32 months		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	Two's-three's 32-36 months		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 243				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 0		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 243				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant playground A	5	C
Main	Playground B Toddler	72	C
Main	Preschool playground C	75	C
Main	School age Playground D	18	C

Comments
An Administrative Review was conducted on May 21, 2024. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on May 28, 2024. The exit conference was conducted on May 28, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. with the Director. Permission to Operate issued on this date. Facility (does/does not) carry Liability Insurance. License capacity is

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

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), do the following:

1) Log into DECAL KOALA 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 a1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov **for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!**

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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
Consultant discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety in school age classroom.

Comment
Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured.

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

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

Facility

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

Comment
PTO was granted, the overall capacity is 243.

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

Technical Assistance
Consultant advised the Director to ensure that all flooring in Toddler three and Two's one was tight and secure.

Correction Deadline: 6/27/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance
The consultant discussed with the Director the need to ensure the bottom of the fence in areas were close enough to the ground to keep children from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2024

Health and Hygiene

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.

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

Comment
Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

Comment
The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication. Consultant discussed medication documentation, administration, and storage.

Safety

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

Comment
Consultant discussed appropriate discipline and guidance techniques with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **N/A**

Comment
A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date. Vehicle information, insurance, first aid kit and fire extinguisher were observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment
Consultant observed Twenty-two (22) of twenty-two (22) cribs meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards manufactured in 2022. Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the director during the inspection visit.

Staff Records

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

Comment
Five (5) of five (5) 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
There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Comment
Adequate supervision was discussed. A supervision plan was created this date for the School age playground as there is a long walkway that wasn't visible unless appropriate supervision is provided.