

# 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: 2/16/2022 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 10:15 AM Departure: 12:00 PM

CCLC-31 Regional Consultant

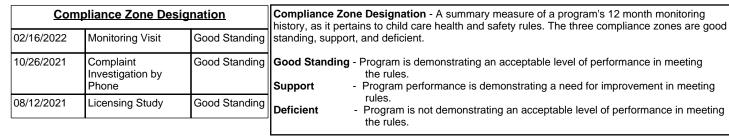
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Quality Rated:



#### **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	1st Left	Infants	1	4	С	17	С	NA	NA	Floor Play,Free Play
Main	1st Right	Two Year Olds	1	6	С	24	С	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	2nd Left	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	С	15	С	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	2nd Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	10	С	22	С	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	3rd Left	One Year Olds	2	4	С	18	С	NA	NA	Outside
Main	3rd Right	Three Year Olds	1	7	С	22	С	NA	NA	Centers
Main	4th Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	С	21	С	NA	NA	Outside
Main	4th Right	GA PreK	2	17	С	22	С	NA	NA	Centers
Main	5th Right		0	0	С	21	С	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Center Back	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	19	С	25	С	35	С	Transitioning,Out side
Main	Dining		0	0	С	24	С	34	С	Not In Use
Main	Gym	GA PreK	2	19	С	59	С	82	С	Centers
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 2	90		Total C ft.: 333	apacity @	25 sq.			

Total # Children this Date: 98 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 290 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft : 333

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	2nd Rt Side	52	С
Main	Back	125	С

Main	Left Side	43	С
Main	Right Side	29	С

#### Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a monitoring visit.

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 guestions 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: <a href="http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx">http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx</a>

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)

ammie Lacy, Program Official	Date	Leena Mitchell, Consultant	Date



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#### **Findings Report**

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#### The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

## **Activities and Equipment**

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

Met

#### Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

#### 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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Met

#### Comment

Center appears clean.

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

#### 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 the fence on the back playground and back right playground presented a hazard to children as they contained exposed and sharp wires at the bottom of the fence.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 2/16/2022

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and 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. It was determined based on observation that the playground equipment had the following hazards:

- -two tricycles on the back patio were not adequately maintained as they were missing a handle and the rubber tires were cracked and peeling. In addition three of three rubber balls were flat and were not able to be used by the children.
- -the climbing equipment on the 2nd right playground had peeling and chipping metal on the landing pad.
- -the climbing equipment on the back playground had peeling and chipping metal on the landing pad.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2022

#### **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 the playgrounds had the following hazards:

- -Infant/toddler playground had exposed roots and the ground around the side walk was washed away posing a tripping hazard.
- -back playground had exposed roots, litter and the ground around the basketball goal concrete pad was washing away and exposing sharp edges and a tripping 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: 2/16/2022

**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)

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-7(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that all the children in classroom center back did not immediately wash their hands when coming inside from outside play.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2022

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that two of two teacher's in classroom center back did not immediately wash their hands from returning from outside play with the children.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2022

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

Met

#### Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

#### Comment

Please include address of destinations on transportation checklist.

#### Comment

The consultant observed the following vehicles to have a current vehicle inspection report on file:

- Vehicle Tag # - CB 30187 - Expires December 22, 2022.

#### Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

#### Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

#### 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: 25	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 10/24/2019	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 11/08/2021	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 02/14/2019	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 01/01/2020	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 09/08/2021	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 09/07/2021	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 09/10/2021	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 10/20/2014	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 07/30/2014	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 08/09/2017	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 12/03/2001	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 01/01/1999	Met
Staff # 13	Met

Records Reviewed: 25	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
Date of Hire: 05/09/2018	
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 09/01/2016	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 08/01/2016	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 07/28/2015	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 11/01/2021	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 06/11/2007	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 08/04/2021	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 01/10/2022	Met  Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 12/01/2021	Met <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 09/13/2021	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 07/13/2021	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 10/13/2014	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 09/13/2021	Met

#### Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6

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

Met

#### Comment

The director provided eleven files for staff members hired since the previous visit conducted on August 12, 2021. The consultant observed eleven of eleven newly hired staff members to have evidence of a satisfactory criminal record check letter on file.

#### 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on review of records that seven newly hired staff members did not complete health and safety orientation training within their first 90 days of employment.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2022

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.

#### Comment

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.

#### 591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-Ī-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that a toddler was sitting at a table during mealtime and the staff member was not sitting within arm's length away from the child. The staff member was observed to be changing another child's diaper, rather than sit closely to the child, as required.

#### **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times. Consultant recommended all staff member's take active supervision training.

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2022