



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/22/2021 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

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. 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.
11/22/2021	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/29/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
10/04/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	

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 (1L) Pre-K 1		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	B -(B) Pre-K 2		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	C- (BR) 3's	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D- (MR)- 4- 13 yr	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	11	C	21	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	E (FR) - 1's & 2's	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F (1R) 6wks- 18 mths	Infants	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Music
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			112			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 36			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

Comments

This is a followup ILS visit. File was transferred from Jennifer Salies. Coodinator Salies advised she was unable to do a followup because the provider would not call her back. File was transfered and needing items. This center is on a temporary license as they are waiting a current fire inspection and COO. The Center Owner Nicole Brown advised that she has been following up and requesting a visit and she was told that she has to reapply because of the New Year. Her temporary license has been extended for an additional 60 days.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/22/2021

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), 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 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://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

Shirley Jackson, Program Official

Date

Toni Williams, Consultant

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)

Met

Comment

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. There was no pool on site.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies as the bolts on the side of the toilets were missing their covers in the two of the bathrooms in the hallway by the Pre-K and after school area.

Comment

The bathroom outside of the afterschool class has a part of the vent coming from the ceiling open without a closing.

Correction Deadline: 12/22/2021

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2021

Corrected on 11/22/2021
On the day of the visit all corrections had been made.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2021

Corrected on 11/22/2021
All correction had been made on the date of the visit.

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2021

Corrected on 11/22/2021
On the day of the visit all corrections had been made to the playground.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.17(2) requires that Personnel, to the extent possible, keep children clean, dry and comfortable. It was determined based upon observation that three of six children in the infant classroom noses were unclean while they were seated together with the teacher at a table during class.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train staff, review regularly, and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2021

Finding

591-1-1-.17(5) requires that drinking fountains are safe, kept clean, have regulated pressure, not be mounted on sinks used for diaper changing, and have an angle jet with an orifice guard above the rim. Single-service drinking cups shall be provided when appropriate drinking fountains are not available, and cups shall be discarded after each use unless the cups are sanitized in a dishwasher between each use. It was determined based on observation that a bottle in the infant's room refrigerator was unclean and filled with old milk and dried cereal sticking to the inside of the bottle.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will check drinking fountains regularly to ensure they meet the requirements. When drinking fountains are not available, the Center will provide single-service drinking cups and throw them away after each use or use cups that are sanitized in a dishwasher between each use.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2021

Finding

591-1-1-17(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 the children in the infant classroom were given their lunch before washing their hands. The teacher in the classroom was cleaning one child's nose and a floater brought in food and the children began eating. The Director and floater took the plates back up after the Consultant advised the children hands had not been washed.

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: 12/31/2021

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

Met

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Appropriate discipline was observed.

Comment

The Consultant spoke to the Director and the Male teacher in the After-school classroom about being mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2021

Corrected on 12/31/2021

The Owner/Director advised that they are not providing transportation at this time.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2021

Corrected on 12/31/2021

The Director advised that the school is not providing transportation at this time.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined by observation that two of seven cribs did not have tight fitting mattresses without gaps.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2021

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.