

# 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:** 6/2/2021 Arrival: 12:30 PM Departure: 2:30 PM VisitType: Monitoring Visit

**CCLC-3158** Regional Consultant

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**Quality Rated:** 

Compliance Zone Designation			
06/02/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/23/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/03/2019	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

**Deficient** 

Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting

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	Back Right	Two Year Olds	1	6	С	18	С	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Cafeteria		0	0	С	16	С	22	С	Not In Use
Main	Far Left	Infants	2	4	С	15	С	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	Front Left		0	0	С	7	С	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Front Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	С	11	С	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Left Front Bldg	Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	19	С	56	С	78	С	Nap,Outside
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:	123		Total C ft.: 151	apacity @	25 sq.			

Total # Children this Date: 36 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 123 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 151

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	132	

Background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on June 2, 2021, with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 1, 2021, was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Required Reporting rule changes were discussed. Nutrition and Supervision rule changes discussed.

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://qualityrated.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 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://decal.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)

evida Dixon, Program Official	Date	Michelle Smith, 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 Virtual Visit was conducted and the equipment and furniture was observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through there was no pool observed on the property. Per the provider no swimming activities were provided.

**Facility** 

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual visit was conducted, and the licensed capacity was observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the home appeared to free of hazards this date. Storage of cleaning supplies and materials and supplies were discussed.

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

Defer

#### Defer

591-1-1-.26(4)- A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person or during the next regulatory visit.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and no gaps, 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: 10/3/2019

#### Defer

591-1-1-.26(9)- A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person or during the next regulatory visit.

# 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: 10/3/2019

Food Service

# 591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Defer

#### Defer

591-1-1-.18(8)- A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person or during the next regulatory visit.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will designate an appropriate area for the storage of containers of food, will make available containers, lids, and covers, and will train Staff on proper storage and labeling.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2019

# Health and Hygiene

# 591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

# 591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

# Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

#### 591-1-1-.05 Animals Met

#### Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

# Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

#### 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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through SIDS and infant sleeping position was discussed.

# **Staff Records**

Records Reviewed: 15	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 07/20/2010	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 10/21/2019	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 10/06/2010	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 05/05/2004	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 12/19/2019	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/05/2016	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 07/29/2019	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 05/06/2013	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 05/14/2019	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 07/16/2019	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 09/06/2019	Met

# Records Reviewed: 15 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 03/29/2019

Staff # 15 Met

## Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6

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

Met

#### Comment

Consultant observed 15 of 15 Center Staff to have valid Satisfactory Comprehensive Criminal Records Check Determination letters issued by the Department as required.

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

#### Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the most recent Executive Order issued on May 1, 2021.

# **Staffing and Supervision**

# 591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

# Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through appropriate ratios was observed.

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

Met

# Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through adequate supervision was observed.