

## 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**

Arrival: 10:30 AM Departure: 12:30 PM **Date:** 10/28/2021 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

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**Quality Rated:** 

10/28/2021

08/30/2021

03/12/2021



Complaint

Investigation & Monitoring Visit

Licensing Study

Monitoring Visit

L	nation	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					
	Good Standing	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	A		0	0	С	15	С	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	В		0	0	С	8	С	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	С	Infants	1	1	С	7	С	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	6	С	38	С	NA	NA	Nap
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 68			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			•		
Total # Children this Date: 7		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 68		Total Capacity @25 sq.			•			

ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	49	

Good Standing

## Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/28/2021

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.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 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: <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)

LaSonva Simmons, Program Official	Date	Laiuana Williams, Consultant	Date	



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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 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting with the Director this date. .

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

N/A

#### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility** 

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the center was observed compliant with Licensed capacity.

## 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 there were no hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Not Evaluated

## Comment

Playground not observed on this date due to inclement weather.

**Health and Hygiene** 

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through diapering was not observed, however the Director stated proper knowledge and the diapering area was observed to be compliant.

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through hand washing was not directly observed. The Director displayed proper knowledge of the hand washing rules this date.

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

N/A

#### Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.11 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through discipline was not directly observed. The Director displayed proper knowledge of the rules this date.

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

N/A

#### Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

# **Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

Met

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

Met

## Comment

Staff #3

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through a pleasant nap time environment observed and SIDS sleep position discussed with the Director this date.

## Staff Records

## **Records Reviewed: 10**

## Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Staff # 2 Met Date of Hire: 07/01/2016

Date of Hire: 02/22/2019

Staff #4 Met

Date of Hire: 08/28/2020

Staff #5 Met

Date of Hire: 01/21/2020

Staff #6 Met Records Reviewed: 10 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 06/28/2019

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 04/30/2018

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 02/19/2019

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 06/27/2019

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 06/28/2019

#### Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6

## 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

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

## 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 on this date.