

### 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: 4/26/2022 Arrival: 9:30 AM Departure: 11:30 AM VisitType: Initial Licensing Study

CCLC-54804 **Regional Consultant** 

#### **Todd Grant Elementary - Afterschool**

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**Quality Rated: No** 

Com	<u>pliance Zone Desi</u>			one Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring rtains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good				
04/26/2022	Initial Licensing Study		standing, support, and deficient.					
		•	Good Standing	<ul> <li>g - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</li> </ul>				
			Support	<ul> <li>Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.</li> </ul>				
			Deficient	<ul> <li>Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</li> </ul>				

#### 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	Cafeteria		0	0	С	54	С	NA	NA	-
Main	Gym		0	0	С	252	С	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 306 Total Capacity @25 sq ft.: 0				25 sq.						
Total # Cl	hildren this Date: 0	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 3	06		Total C	apacity @	25 sq.	•		

Building Playground		Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance	
Main	Front Grass Area	482	C	

An Administrative Review was conducted on April 21, 2022. Staff background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on April 26, 2022. The exit conference was conducted virtually on April 30, 2022 at 2:00 pm with the Director and Provider. Permission to operate will be issued upon completion of the Exit Conference and signature pages are returned to the consultant. Facility does not carry Liability Insurance.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/26/2022

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 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 at 855-800-7747 or quality rated@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

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 quardian 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) Date Date Mary Arocha-Branch, Program Official Toni Williams, Consultant

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

# **Activities and Equipment**

591-1-1-.03 Activities Technical Assistance

### **Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Provider the importance of adding additional equipment to all the Centers to ensure the children have enough equipment for varied play.

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2022

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

#### Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured.

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

Met

#### Comment

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

**Facility** 

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

Met

#### Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. The overall licensed capacity is ...children

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

Met

#### Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**Not Met** 

#### **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 the Consultant's observation that there were several ant beds located in the open green space used for play by the after school children.

#### **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: 5/3/2022

# **Health and Hygiene**

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

Met

#### Comment

No children enrolled who require diapering. School age children attend only for after school.

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

Met

#### Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

**Organization** 

#### 591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-,16(c) prohibits the operation of a Child Care Learning Center without a License or Permit. A separate License or Permit is required for each address or location at which a Center is proposed to be operated even when all of the proposed Centers are owned by the same person or entity. A separate License or Permit is also required for each Center operated at a single location by the same governing body. It was determined based upon Consultant's observation that the after school program was operating without a license from the date of original application which was July of 2021.

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

The center will cease operation until a valid License or Permit is issued.

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2022

# **Policies and Procedures**

#### 591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.27 requires each Center to post in a designated area for public viewing near the front entrance the following: the Center's current License or Permit; a copy of these rules; a copy of the current communicable disease chart; a statement allowing Parent(s) access to all child care areas upon notifying any staff member of his or her presence; names of persons responsible for the administration of the Center in the administrator's absence; the dated current week's menu for meals and snacks; emergency plans for severe weather, fire, and other emergency situations; a statement requiring visitors to check in with Staff when entering the Center; no smoking signs; and a notice provided by the Department which advises Parents of their right to review a copy of the Center's most recent licensure evaluation report upon request to the Center Director. The Center shall provide any Parent with a copy of this evaluation report upon request. It was determined based on Consultant's observation that the posted notices required were not posted near the front entrance, but was under the storage area of the gym. The only posted notices observed were the communicable disease chart, an old menu, a no liability insurance notice and a no smoking sign.

# **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will post the notices as required and ensure they remain posted.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2022

Safety

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

Met

#### Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation or field trips. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hours transportation training prior to transporting children.

# Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

#### Comment

Sleeping/Naps are not required for this program. School age children attend only for after school hours.

**Staff Records** 

# Records Reviewed: 5 Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 10/27/2021

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 07/06/2021

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 10/13/2021

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 04/07/2017

Staff # 5

Date of Hire: 07/14/2021

#### Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Met

#### Comment

Seven (7) of seven (7) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

#### 591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.24(1) requires the center to maintain a personnel file on the Director, all Employees, Provisional Employees, Personnel, Staff, Students-in-Training, Volunteers, Clerical, Housekeeping, Maintenance, and other Support Staff for the duration of the term of employment plus one calendar year, and it shall contain the following: identifying information to include: name, date of birth, social security number, current address and current telephone number; employment history; as applicable to the position held: evidence of education and qualifying work experience; evidence of all training required by these rules which shall include: title of training, date of training, trainer's signature, location of training and number of clock hours obtained; a statement completed by the staff member that the information provided is true and accurate; any other records required by these rules; and as applicable to the position held, evidence of required orientation including date and signature of person providing the orientation; It was determined based on the Consultant's observation that no personnel files were provided during the initial licensing visit, Some records were provided by email but did not contain, evidence of education, training, position held, or evidence of required orientation.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will secure required information for all Personnel. The Center will ensure that complete information is in the personnel file for all Directors, Employees, Provisional Employees, Personnel, Staff, Students-in-Training, Volunteers, Clerical, Housekeeping, Maintenance and other Support Staff.

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2022

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

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.