



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 1/22/2018    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 11:10 AM    **Departure:** 12:35 PM

**CCLC-35957**

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**Quality Rated:**

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.
01/22/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/24/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/23/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

**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.

**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	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	34	C	NA	NA	Nap,Lunch,Transitioning
Main	B		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	C	Infants and One Year Olds	3	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Nap,Diapering,Lunch,Floor Play
Main	Lunch Room	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 89					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 45			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 89			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/22/2018

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).

	<p><b>Reminder:</b> All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before <b>January 1, 2017</b>. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit <a href="http://www.decalkoala.com">www.decalkoala.com</a>. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.</p>
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O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(j)(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.

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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@decals.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decals.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://decals.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.

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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:**

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decals.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@decals.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decals.ga.gov)

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Amy Self, Program Official

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.

**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**

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

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

**Technical Assistance**

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Consultant discussed that the swingset and red metal slide are starting to chip paint.

**Correction Deadline: 2/1/2018**

### Health and Hygiene

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Correction Deadline: 8/24/2017

Corrected on 1/22/2018  
.17(8) - Citation observed to be corrected.

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

**Comment**  
Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

**Safety**

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

**Comment**  
Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) Not Met

**Finding**  
591-1-1-.13(2) requires Center Staff to obtain written permission from Parents in advance of the child's participation in any field trip and such permission must be signed and dated by a Parent. It was determined based on a review of records that a field trip taken on November 21, 2017 and January 2, 2018 were observed to be missing dates as to when it was signed by the parents for the child to attend the field trip.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**  
Center Staff will have and use a system to obtain written field trip permission in advance and ensure the permission is signed and dated by the responsible person.

Correction Deadline: 1/22/2018

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

**Comment**  
Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**  
Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Staff Records**

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591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR) Met

**Comment**  
Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Comment**  
Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

**Staffing and Supervision**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times and that the persons supervising in the child care area be alert, able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the chaperones and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. It was determined based on consultant observation that upon arrival the two-year-old children were in the cafeteria eating, and staff were not present in that area, as they were in Room A. The children were left in the cafeteria area for a brief time without supervision being present in that area.

**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.

**Correction Deadline: 1/22/2018**