



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 8/14/2018    **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 10:00 AM    **Departure:** 4:05 PM

**CCLC-49627**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<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.
Date	Visit Type	Designation	
08/14/2018	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	<p><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</p> <p><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.</p> <p><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.</p>

**Ratios/License Capacity**

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Back Building	Room D- 1's	One Year Olds	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Back Building	Room E- 2's ( Potty Trained Only)	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Back Building	Room F- 3's	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Back Building	Room-G- PreK	PreK	2	16	C	42	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 84					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 133					
Main Building	Rm. B-Middle Room- AS	Six Year Olds and Over	1	8	NC	17	C	23	C	Transitioning
Main Building	Rm. C- Infants	Infants	2	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main Building	Room A- 3's	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 49					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 133					
Total # Children this Date: 64			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 133				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Back Building	main playground	64	C

**Comments**


8.29.18 Fire report was received on this date. Final License was issued on 8.31.18.

8.14.18 A Temporary License will be issued, the file still lack a

current fire report. The center does have liability insurance.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/14/2018

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).



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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.

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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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.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.

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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 1/2 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)

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Shanita Vallejo, Program Official

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)**

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.12(2) - Please ensure chipped paint is removed from yellow chair legs in room B in building I.

**Correction Deadline: 8/14/2018**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12(5) - Please ensure age appropriate chairs are provided for children in room G.

**Correction Deadline: 9/13/2018**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12(6) - Please ensure a variety of musical instruments, dramatic play and science is added in the after school program in room B in building I.

**Correction Deadline: 9/13/2018**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 5**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing,.08(3)-Name of Release Person Missing,.08(1)-Allergies and Disabilities

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on consultant's observation during the reviewing of children's files three of six files reviewed were not completed in it's entirety.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

**Correction Deadline: 8/14/2018**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.08(2) - Please ensure immunization forms are readily available for review during a visit.

**Correction Deadline: 8/24/2018**

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**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)**

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children in the kitchen. The kitchen door and or the classroom door will be closed when the cook is outside of the kitchen area.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - Please ensure the heated running water temperature is between 110 or below to prevent a burn during hand washing.

**Correction Deadline: 8/14/2018**

**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical**

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(10) - Please ensure updated Fire Report is submitted upon receipt.

**Correction Deadline: 8/14/2018**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on consultant's observation the following hazards were observed on the outside fencing:

- rust on the surrounding fence panels and top poles
- missing fencing top caps and poles
- missing bottom fence poles to prevent gaps at the bottom of the fencing
- fencing used to repair holes in fencing unraveling
- screw protrusion on the fence gates and corner poles
- fencing on the right side of wooden railing under four foot in height

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, 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: 8/14/2018**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on consultant's observation the resilient surfacing in the back and front of swing structure near the pvc border measured under six inches, it measured between one to two inches. The structure is over six feet in height requiring six inches in the fall zones.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency. An additional four inches will be added near the pvc border in the back and front fall zones.

**Correction Deadline: 8/24/2018**

**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 consultant's observation the following hazards were observed in the play area:

- exposed tree roots ( sprayed during visit)
- large stick and broken tree limbs
- uneven surfacing between the hard and soft surfacing creating a tripping hazard
- sharp edge of gutter accessible to 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: 8/14/2018**

## Health and Hygiene

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

591-1-1-.10(3) - Please ensure the diaper changing table in building (2) two in room D and E are positioned as consultant recommended on this date near the diapering sink.

**Correction Deadline: 8/14/2018**

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

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.27 - Please ensure a posted notice board is posted in room C in building I and room G in building (3) three due to the changing of the route for parents in each of these rooms.

**Correction Deadline: 8/14/2018**

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**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.05 Animals** **Met**

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

**Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Please ensure the flooring of the transportation vehicle is swept daily to remove dirt debris.

**Correction Deadline: 8/15/2018**

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on consultant's observation. the cots/mats were stored accessible to the children in each room requiring napping. The mats were also stored touching another mat.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will store cots and mats so children do not have access to them and they don't take up play space and will store them so each child's bedding is separate from the others.

**Staff Records**

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

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR** **Met**

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training** **Met**

**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

**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)** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32 - Please ensure a memo is released informing parents their children should stay with them until they exit the property.

**Comment**

Discussed the route parent/children in room C in building I will be thru the side gate to the back door leading into the infant room to prevent walking through room A and B for children three and up. Parent/children in building (2) two will travel down the side walkway to building G which leads to room F for the (3) three's.

**Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.