



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 4/6/2018    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 9:15 AM    **Departure:** 11:00 AM

**CCLC-34766**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
04/06/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
12/06/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/07/2017	Monitoring Visit	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** - 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 1st Left	Infants	1	6	C	7	C	NA	NA	Floor Play	
Main	B 2nd Left		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA		
Main	C 3rd Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	15	C	15	C	NA	NA	Art	
Main	D Right Room	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Art	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			40			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		
Total # Children this Date:			29			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			40		
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	15	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/06/2018

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).



**Reminder:** All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com). You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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@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.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.al.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)



**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.dec.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

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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)**

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

#### Facility

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 12/6/2017**

**Corrected on 4/6/2018**

**.19(1) - License capacity routinely met on this date.**

**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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

#### Health and Hygiene

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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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**

No medication at this time.

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**Safety**

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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-.36 Transportation(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 10**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 12/10/2016	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 06/27/2017	
Staff # 5	Not Met
Date of Hire: 02/20/2018	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.09-Criminal Records Check Missing	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 04/28/2017	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 03/12/2014	

**Records Reviewed: 10**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 8 Met  
Staff # 9 Met  
Date of Hire: 03/20/2015  
Staff # 10 Met  
Date of Hire: 09/09/2016

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 10**

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(d) requires each Employee and Center Director hired on or after January 1, 2014 to have a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination with a Records Check Clearance date that is within 12 months of their hire date. In order for the Department to issue a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination, each Employee and Director must submit both a Fingerprint Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on review of records that an employee was hired in February 2018 to work within the center. The center was observed to have satisfactory local clearance, however the employee did not have evidence of a satisfactory determination letter. A one day letter was left with the center.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that each director and employee hired after January 1, 2014 has a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination dated within 12 months of the hire date and will submit the required documents to obtain the determination if they have not already done so.

**Correction Deadline: 4/6/2018**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 1/5/2018**

**Corrected on 4/6/2018**

**.33(3) - Previous citation observed corrected.**

**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**

**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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

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