



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 2/8/2019    **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 10:00 AM    **Departure:** 12:30 PM

**CCLC-50320**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
02/08/2019	Initial Licensing Study	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		0	0	C	10	C	14	C		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			10			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			12		
Total # Children this Date:			0			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			12		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			10			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			12		
						Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	15	C

**Comments**

Permission to operate was granted on this date. The facility does not have liability insurance and the posting was observed.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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

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.

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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@decal.ga.gov](mailto: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: <http://decal.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).

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

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Shauna Rice, 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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities. There was no pool on site.

### Facility

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The program is limited to 12 children during the 25 square foot hours per the fire marshal inspection dated January 26, 2019.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed keeping items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair. The director will monitor the black fencing material to ensure it remains sturdy and in good condition.

### Health and Hygiene

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director. The center was observed to have a diapering area that met the requirements.

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

Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director. Hands shall be washed with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids (sneezing, wiping nose, etc.), and after contamination by any other means.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

**Safety**

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

The center's discipline policy was reviewed, and regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Routine transportation and field trips were not provided at this time. Discussed with the director that prior to providing transportation and/or field trips, staff are required to complete and maintain documentation of current CPR and First Aid Training, as well as two (2) clock hours of transportation training. In addition, prior to providing transportation, the regional consultant will be contacted to discuss and review all transportation requirements.

**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, disinfecting and proper storage of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

**Comment**

Cribs were observed in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards this date.

**Correction Deadline: 2/18/2019****Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 2****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 12/17/2018

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 01/14/2019

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

**Comment**

A satisfactory comprehensive criminal record checks was observed for two of two current staff members.

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

**Comment**

Discussed: Health and Safety Orientation and CPR/First Aid Training is required for each staff member within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

**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**

Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

A written and signed supervision plan was created on this date and is on file.  
Supervision rules were discussed during a telephone conference and during the visit this date.