



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/21/2020 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/21/2020	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	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	B		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	C		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	D		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	E		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	F		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	G		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	H		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 172						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 172			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	217	C
Main	B	21	C

Comments

The program was issued permission to operate this date. The program did not have liability insurance and had the required posting.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/21/2020

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.dec.al.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.dec.al.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), e-mail the following information to 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).

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

Cheryl Greenwood-Perkins, Program Official

Date

Brianne Walters, Consultant

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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)

N/A

Comment

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

Facility

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

Met

Comment

No capacity limitations at this time.

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

Not Met

Comment

All room first aid kits were moved so they would be out of reach of children.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center.

It was determined based on observation that there was dirt and debris on floors and surfaces/counters throughout the center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center has plans to have the center thoroughly cleaned by professionals on 5/27/20. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 5/27/2020

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

Discussed that a tree located on the left side of Playground A may have some rotting or structural issues that present an elevated level of risk. Discussed having the tree inspected by a certified arborist to determine their structural integrity and associated levels of risk.

Comment

Discussed that the areas located to the left and right of the building were not licensed for use and are only be utilized as the children's route to Playgrounds A and B at the back of the building. Developed a supervision plan to ensure that staff are positioning themselves on each playground in use to ensure children can be supervised adequately and do not wander into the unlicensed areas to the sides of the building.

Comment

Items corrected during the visit: fence bolts on both playgrounds cut and sanded or turned towards the outside of the playground, fixed fence on Playground B where bent in two areas, reattached fencing at back right corner of Playground A where loose and not attached to top support bars, sanded chipping paint on gutter spout, covered protruding pieces of cement/rock on Playground A, picked up limbs and ivy on ground and coming through fence at back of Playground A. Discussed that these items will need to be continuously monitored and corrected to ensure the playgrounds are maintained safe and free of hazards. Discussed the possibility of fencing off the back portion of Playground A in the future so that this area is not a continued maintenance problem.

Health and Hygiene

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director. Diapering areas in rooms were observed adequate with warm running water, ventilation and a safe, non porous changing surface.

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. Restrooms were observed to have warm running water, ventilation and clean and in good repair. Discussed that due to the height of the partitions between toilets, older or taller children should always use the toilets towards the end of the restrooms with the higher partitions.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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-.13 Field Trips(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center will not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation or field trips at this time. Consultant 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

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

Cribs in Rooms A and B were observed to be in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2020

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 3**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 03/06/2020

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 03/06/2020

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 03/06/2020

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Criminal record checks were observed for 3 current staff.

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.

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.

Comment

No enrolled children, supervision requirements discussed. A supervision plan was created on this date for use of the hall restroom.