



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/16/2020 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:45 AM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
01/16/2020	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-1	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	A-2		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	B-3		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	C-4	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D- Cafe		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	
Main	E-5		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	F-6	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	G-7	Four Year Olds	1	14	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	H-8	PreK	1	17	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	I-9		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:						167	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0	
Total # Children this Date: 60			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			167	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- Right	52	C
Main	B- Left	80	C
Main	C- Rear	38	C

Comments

A permanent renewable license was issued on this date. Permission to operate was granted on this date.

This center carries liability insurance. A supervision plan was created for Playground A and Playground C.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/15/2020

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.state.ga.us/>
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.state.ga.us

Grant Paula, Program Official

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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.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Met**

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools out of reach of children.

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) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the following hazardous items were found to be accessible to children:

Room A:

- Lysol disinfectant spray, a bottle of peroxide, and several plastic grocery bags were located in an unlocked cabinet under the sink located on the changing table
- Scissors and a stapler were found in an unlocked drawer

Room I:

- A bottle of hand sanitizer was located in the listening center

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will install child locks to drawers and cabinets containing hazardous items. The center will remove hand sanitizer from Room I

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2020

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Comment

591-1-1-.26(4) The consultant observed fencing that was six feet in height around the perimeter of all three playgrounds. The fencing was in good repair and free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 1/15/2020

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 that the following hazardous items were present on the playgrounds:

Playground A:

- Two large tree limbs were located on the ground along the back fence
- The sidewalk located next to the infant swings was not flush with the ground and posed a tripping hazard

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove limbs from playground and monitor daily. The center will add dirt around the sidewalk so that it is flush with the ground.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2020

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.10(9) requires Center Staff to not use the area used for diapering for food preparation and to keep the diapering area clear of formulas, food, food utensils and food preparation items. It was determined based on staff statements that staff in Room A use the hand washing sink located on the diaper changing table to rinse bottles and sippy cups.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will send bottles and cups to the kitchen to be washed instead of using the hand washing sink in the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 1/15/2020

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

The consultant observed complete transportation documentation for the week of January 6, 2020 and the week of January 13, 2020.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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.

Comment

591-1-1-.30(1)(a) the consultant observed six cribs in Room A and seven cribs in Room B that were safety approved in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards.

Correction Deadline: 1/25/2020

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 8**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 10/30/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 10/30/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 10/30/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 10/30/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 09/16/2019	

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 10/21/2019

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 10/30/2019

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. The consultant observed satisfactory comprehensive record check determinations for 13 of 13 staff members on this 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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

A supervision plan was created on this date for the shape of Playground A and Playground C.