



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Atlanta, GA 30334**

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Date: 2/15/2021 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 11:35 PM

CCLC-52880

Belles and Beaus Childcare Center

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
02/15/2021	Initial Licensing Study	NA

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	Room A		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA			
Main	Room B		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA			
Main	Room C		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA			
Main	Room D		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA			
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			50			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request	
Total # Children this Date:			0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		50			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:	0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	17	C
Main	Playground B	71	C

Comments

As of February 18, 2021, permission to operate was granted on today. Video and pictures were sent to provider on February 18, 2021 for all the correction. Fire Marshall completed the final inspection on today. Provider will need to submit the certificate of occupancy by March 4, 2021, to the consultant.

An initial licensing study was conducted on February 15, 2021. Staff files and background checks were all reviewed. An inperson inspection was conducted on February 15, 2021 with the director/owner. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020 was reviewed during the inspection.

This facility does not carry liability insurance. A sign was posted on the posted notice board.

Permission to operate was not granted on this date due to a pending fire marshall's inspection scheduled for February 18, 2021.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/15/2021

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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

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.state.ga.us.

- 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.state.ga.us/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

April Rhodes, Program Official

Date

Angela Byrd, Consultant

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)

Not Met

Comment

On this date, consultant observed equipment, furniture and toys throughout the center, to be non - hazardous, fully - secured, and not able to cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over.

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2021

Finding Associated with Complaint

591-1-1-.12(6) requires that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area. It was determined based on consultant's observation classroom A, B, C, and D is lacking age-appropriate toys and play materials in each classroom. Please add more art supplies (markers, crayons, paper, paint, glue), books, science materials (magnets, measuring cups, scales), music material, blocks, and games for the older children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center director will ensure there is a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials in each room for each age group, and that the items are stored on low, open shelves accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2021

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

Met

Comment

On this date, the center director/owner stated that the program will not participate in swimming/water activities, in water measuring two (2) feet in depth or greater. Consultant discussed swimming/water requirements with center director/owner, prior to the visit and on this date. Consultant also stated to center director/owner that prior to participating in swimming/water activities, in any type of equipment holding water two (2) feet in depth or greater, the center is required to contact the assigned Bright from the Start: Regional Consultant, to discuss and review swimming/water activity rules. There was no pool on the premises.

Facility

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

Comment

The program has a capacity limitation of 50 occupants.

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

Comment

On this date consultant discussed with the director, please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. Consultant explained to director things such as clorox, wipes, soaps, lysol, etc... has a warning label that states: KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. Those are the items that need to be in accessible to the children in care.

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Not Met**

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Finding Associated with Complaint

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 on Playground B the following hazards were observed on this date.

- * Activity Ant bead near the protruding building area.
- * Uneven grounds near the concrete bike area and near the wooden fence near the stairs.
- * Exposed concrete near the gate area entering Playground A.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure Arrow treat the ant beds, center will ensure the uneven grounds near the track area and the fence is filled with mulch. Mulch will also be added over the exposed concrete.

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2021

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the rails on the porch are covered with lattice to ensure three (3) and half inch gap is enclosed. Also ensure lattice is added on the back of the steps to ensure a tripping hazard is prevented. Center will also need to remove the old pool pump or ensure it is inaccessible to the children in care.

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Comment

There were no children present on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date. Liquid soap and paper towels were observed accessible in the restroom area.

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

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures on this date.

Safety

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

There were no children present 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-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

The center director/owner stated that the center will not provide routine transportation and field trips at this time. Consultant discussed with center director/owner, all requirements needed in order to transport and conduct field trips with children. Consultant also stated to center director/owner that prior to providing transportation and/or field trips, the center is required to complete and maintain documentation of current CPR and First - Aid Training, as well as two (2) clock hours of transportation training, regarding the center director and all center staff participating in any aspect of transportation, and ensure all transportation/field trip checklists/forms and vehicle requirements are met. Further, consultant stated to center director/owner, that prior to providing transportation and/or field trips, the center is required to contact the assigned Bright from the Start: Regional Consultant, to discuss and review all transportation and field trip requirements.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on consultant's observation in classroom B two (2) of the four (4) cribs does not have a two (2) inches thick waterproof or washable material mattress on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center has placed an order for the mattress. Center director stated they should arrive on February 17, 2021.

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2021

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 5****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 02/15/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 02/15/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 02/15/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 02/15/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/15/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Comment

On this date, consultant observed a Satisfactory Gelmato COGENT Criminal Records Check Determination letter, regarding five (5) center employees. Consultant also discussed all Gelmato COGENT Criminal Records Check requirements with center owner, prior to the visit and on this date.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) **Met**

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) **Met**

Comment

There were no children present on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date and prior to this visit.

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

Comment

A supervision plan was created on this date for classroom A, B, C, and D and for playground B.

Comment

There were no children present on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, were discussed with the director on this date and prior to the visit.