



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 7/23/2019    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 11:50 AM    **Departure:** 2:20 PM

**CCLC-62**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
07/23/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/27/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/19/2018	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	

**Ratios/License Capacity**

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Building 2	Bldg 2		0	0	C	15	C	20	C	Not In Use
					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 15					
					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 71					
Main	Back left	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Back Middle	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Back Right	One Year Olds	1	5	C	6	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Front	Six Year Olds and Over	1	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Front Left		0	0	C	11	C	15	C	
					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56					
					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 71					
Total # Children this Date: 40			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 71			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 71				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Front Right	131	C
Main	Main	400	C
Main	Middle Right - Toddler	41	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/23/2019

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.

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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@dec.state.ga.us](mailto: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.

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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.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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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Linda Stanley, Program Official

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

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

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

#### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Facility

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(7) requires that doors to rooms not approved for child care, other than the kitchen doors, be latched or locked so children cannot wander into those areas. Except in School-age Centers, interior Center door locks shall permit Personnel to open the locked room from outside of the room in an emergency. It was determined based on observation that the kitchen door was not closed or locked next to the School-Age room.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check that doors to unapproved rooms remain latched or locked and that Staff can open the locked rooms in an emergency.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2019

Recited on 7/23/2019

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

#### Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface due to inclement weather conditions. Please fluff and redistribute.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2018

Corrected on 7/23/2019

Observed corrected, please continue to monitor.

Correction Deadline: 12/7/2018

Corrected on 7/23/2019

Observed corrected, please continue to monitor.

## Health and Hygiene

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

Met

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Met

**Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

## Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2018

Corrected on 7/23/2019

Observed corrected, please continue to monitor.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

## Staff Records

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

Met

**Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/27/2018**

**Corrected on 7/23/2019**

**Observed adequate supervision on this date. Please continue to monitor.**