



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/27/2020 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-30896

Mother Goose Nursery School

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/27/2020	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Deficient
10/17/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
05/16/2019	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-Far Back	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering
Main	B-middle	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	5	C	NA	NA	Outside, Centers
Main	C-Front	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	13	C	12	NC	17	C	Centers, Outside
Main	Room D - AS		0	0	C	3	C	4	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			32			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 38				
Total # Children this Date: 25			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 38				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main	37	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a Monitoring Visit and Complaint Investigation.

The center does not provide transportation, field trips, swimming activities, or administer medications.

The center is currently participating in the Quality Rated program and has earned a rating of one star.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 08/13/2020

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.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

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@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.

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

Marilyn Bordelon, Program Official

Date

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Summary 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

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that 13 children ages three to school-age were observed in classroom C, which has a maximum licensed capacity of 12 children.

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Correction Deadline: 7/27/2020

Finding

591-1-1-.25(12) requires heating and cooling equipment to be protected to prevent children from touching it. Fans, space heaters, etc. shall be positioned or installed so as to be inaccessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that a black stand-up fan was observed next to the classroom door on top of a crate in classroom B accessible to the children.

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Correction Deadline: 7/27/2020

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 observation that two bottles of baby oil that read "Keep out of reach of children" were stored in a low open shelf area in the front right corner of classroom C.

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Correction Deadline: 7/27/2020

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 the outlet plate was missing and was in need of being replaced in classroom C to the right of the door in the front of the classroom leaving electrical wires exposed.

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Correction Deadline: 7/27/2020

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Correction Deadline: 10/17/2019

Corrected on 7/27/2020

.25(8) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(3) requires that the playground be adjacent to the Center or in an area which can be reached by a safe route or method approved by the Department. Except in School-age Centers, the playground shall have shaded areas. It was determined based on observation that the route to the playground through the back porch had the following hazards present:

- A mop bucket containing three inches of soiled mop water was in the direct route to the playground
- A large plastic tank sprayer with blue liquid was observed to be accessible on the route to the playground

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Correction Deadline: 8/26/2020

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the following potential fencing hazards were observed:

- Three slats were missing in the fence leaving a 12 inch gap on the back right side of the playground behind the playhouse posing an escape hazard.
- One slat was missing in the fence leaving a 7 inch gap on the back right side of the playground posing an entrapment hazard.
- Five slats in the back right corner of the playground were missing the top eight inches of the board for approximately a 3 foot long section of the fence and measured 40 inches where 48 inches were required.
- One slat on the right side of the playground was broken in half posing a potential impalement hazard
- One slat in the back right corner of the playground had the bottom of the slat broken leaving a gap in the fencing measuring seven inches wide and nine inches tall posing an entrapment hazard.

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Correction Deadline: 8/3/2020

Recited on 7/27/2020

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 observation that the following potential playground hazards were observed:

- Thorny vines were present in the back right corner of the playground coming through the fence and accessible to the children.
- A yellow bucket containing approximately one inch of standing water and a sand table turned over with approximately one inch of water were present in the front right corner of the playground and accessible to children on the playground.
- A large amount of broken sea shells measuring approximately three feet wide by three feet wide with sharp and jagged edges were present on the front right corner of the playground accessible to the children.
- A green water hose was present on the front right corner of the playground posing a tripping hazard.

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Correction Deadline: 7/27/2020

Recited on 7/27/2020

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 10/17/2019

Corrected on 7/27/2020

.30(1)(a)3 - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 3 Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/27/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing,.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 9 Not Met

Date of Hire: 02/17/2020

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing,.24(1)-Evidence of Orientation Missing

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on a review of records that two staff members hired in February and July of 2020 had not submitted both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site prior to being hired as required.

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Correction Deadline: 7/27/2020

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records that two staff members hired in February and July of 2020 did not have a current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center as required.

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Correction Deadline: 7/27/2020

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.14(1) requires the Center Director and, at any given time, at least fifty percent (50%) of the caregiver Staff to successfully complete a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid. The first aid training must be done by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. The Center shall maintain current evidence of the successful completion of such training which shall be available to the Department for inspection. It was determined based on a review of records that the center director did not have evidence of CPR and first aid training on file as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2020

Recited on 7/27/2020

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.33(1) requires all Employees and Provisional Employees to receive Initial Center orientation prior to assignment to children or task. It was determined based on a review of records that two staff members hired in February and July of 2020 did not have evidence of completed orientation on file as required prior to assignment to children or task.

Correction Deadline: 8/11/2020

Recited on 7/27/2020

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2019

Corrected on 7/27/2020

.33(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected 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

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2020

Corrected on 7/27/2020

.32(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times and that the persons supervising in the child care area be alert, able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the chaperones and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. It was determined based on observation that three school-age children were left unattended in classroom D for approximately three minutes while the staff member was in another classroom. Additionally, the staff member in classroom C left the classroom briefly to step into the hallway during nap time leaving ten three and four-year-old children unattended.

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