



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 8/28/2019    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 10:15 AM    **Departure:** 2:35 PM

**CCLC-39397**

**Childcare Network #29**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<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.
08/28/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/16/2019	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
04/09/2019	Incident Investigation Closure	Deficient	

**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	Infants	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding
Main	B		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	C		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	D	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	E	PreK	2	15	C	27	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	G	PreK	2	16	C	17	C	NA	NA	Story, Centers
Main	H		0	0	C	36	C	NA	NA	
Main	I		0	0	C	36	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 193					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 50					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- Infant/ Toddler	56	C
Main	B - 3 yrs	43	C
Main	C- 4+ years	79	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/28/2019

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.

#### 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.

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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### 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)**

**Technical Assistance**

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Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting with the staff and director.

**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(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 there was Clorox cleaning powder and supplies with "keep out of reach of children" stored low in an unlocked closet in the Pre-K Classroom. There was also a black staff bag stored low in an unlocked cabinet in the Three-Year-Olds Room.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items. Staff moved the items in the Pre-K classroom during the visit.

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2019**

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

**Not Met**

**Correction Deadline: 4/9/2019**

Corrected on 8/28/2019

Observed the fencing was maintained on this date. Please continue to monitor.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that there was an exposed nail measuring one inch from the base of the middle pole on the Gazebo on the center-right of the playground.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

**Correction Deadline: 9/7/2019**

**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 there was a torn tarp located in the outdoor play area near the Big Gym and Slide set, a tarp bag in the sandbox play area, a live ant bed on the left side of the playground, exposed concrete in the middle and right side of the outdoor play area, exposed concrete at the bottom of four poles on the Gazebo along with torn carpet posing a tripping hazard, and litter on the playground and surrounding outdoor area.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 9/7/2019**

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

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

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

<b>Organization</b>
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**591-1-1-.37 Inspections & Investigations**

**Defer**

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This rule will be evaluated during a complaint investigation. This was a regulatory monitoring visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center and Center staff will cooperate truthfully with any inspection or investigation.

**Correction Deadline: 4/9/2019**

**Defer**

This rule will be evaluated during a complaint investigation. This was a regulatory monitoring visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will not make, or condone Staff to make false or misleading statements to the Department.

**Correction Deadline: 4/9/2019**

	<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based on a review of records that there was no annual safety check inspection report available in the center or on the transportation vehicle when requested.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

**Correction Deadline: 9/2/2019**

**Technical Assistance**

Discussed ensuring interior is checked consistently for maintenance on the transportation vehicle with the director.

**Correction Deadline: 8/29/2019**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(6) requires written Parental authorization for routine transportation provided by or on behalf of the Center. Written authorization must include the routine pick-up location, routine pick-up time, routine delivery location, routine delivery times and the name of any person authorized to receive the child. It was determined based on a review of records that 2 out of 7 children did not have a parental authorization for routine transportation on file at the center.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will obtain the required written parental authorization.

**Correction Deadline: 8/29/2019**

	<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Discussed maintaining tight-fitting crib sheets even when crib is not in use with the staff and director.

	<b>Staff Records</b>
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**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 on May 16, 2019. 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**

**Correction Deadline: 12/31/2019**

**Corrected on 8/28/2019**

**It was observed that the current Director had 40 hours of Director's training and over 6 years of experience.**

<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.

**Comment**

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.

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

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

**Correction Deadline: 4/9/2019**

**Corrected on 8/28/2019**

**Observed the playground gate was closed on this date. Please continue to monitor.**