



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/4/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

CCLC-1479

Childcare Network #31

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
08/04/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/17/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/18/2019	Monitoring Visit	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
Main	Left Front	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	16	C	22	C	30	C	Free Play,Centers
Main	Left Rear	Six Year Olds and Over	1	21	C	25	C	35	C	Circle Time,Free Play
Main	middle back	Infants	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Floor Play,Nap
Main	Right Back	One Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Right Front	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	15	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Right Middle	One Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 105			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations				
Total # Children this Date: 72			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 105			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	106	C

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on August 4, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on July 16, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection. Consultant discussed ratio's with director in regard to the Executive Order.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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/RuleAndRegulations.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

Susan Smith, Program Official

Date

Kelly Jones, Consultant

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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**

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

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**N/A****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)**Met****Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1.26 - Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute. Mulch showed evidence of some washing from inclement weather the day before.

Comment

The outside area appears clean and well maintained. Consultant discussed monitoring the playground and fence surrounding the playground area for normal wear and tear (i.e. exposed roots, active ant beds, resilient surface levels, entrapment hazards, etc.) with the director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2020

Corrected on 8/4/2020

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The screws on the gate and fence of the toddler playground had been cut down to the appropriate length of two threads.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Diapering was not directly observed during the virtual walk through on this date. Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing was not directly observed during the virtual walk through on this date. Staff stated proper knowledge of hand washing procedures.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through on this date. Staff stated proper knowledge of appropriate discipline procedures. Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Center is not currently providing transportation staying in compliance with the Executive Order. Consultant reviewed documentation from February and March 2020. Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

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

Staff Records

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 12/10/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 09/17/1999	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/02/2018	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/08/2016	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 09/27/2016	
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 10/31/2017	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 09/16/2016	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 05/03/2007	
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 12/06/2013	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 01/20/2003	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 06/02/2014	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 10/13/2008	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 11**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 February 17, 2020.

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2020

Corrected on 8/4/2020

.14(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed that all staff had evidence of current CPR/first Aid training on file.

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

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on July 16, 2020.

Staffing and Supervision

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs on this date.