



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/5/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:15 AM **Departure:** 1:05 PM

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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.
08/05/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/11/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/15/2018	Licensing Study	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	A- (1st Left on Left Hall)	Infants	2	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B (2nd Left in Left Hallway)	One Year Olds	2	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C (2nd Right in Left Hallway)	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D 1 (Pre-K) 3rd from the right back	PreK	2	19	C	20	C	29	C	Centers
Main	D2 (1st right on back)	Three Year Olds	2	7	C	15	C	20	C	Outside
Main	E (Right Rear)	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	29	C	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 98						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 121				
Total # Children this Date: 61			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 98			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 121				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left Side	14	C
Main	Right Side	98	C

Comments

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.al.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@dec.al.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://dec.al.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.dec.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov

Sharon Armour, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Ensure signature or initials of persons dropping off and picking up children are obtained daily.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2019

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

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.

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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Obtain parental authorization and physician's letter for prescription emergency medication

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2019**Technical Assistance**

Ensure emergency medication is kept out of reach of children.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2019**Safety****591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Redirection stated to be used throughout the center.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Ensure crib side rails are tightly secured to the bottom of the cribs legs.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2019**Correction Deadline: 2/11/2019****Corrected on 8/5/2019****Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed infant asleep in crib without toys or bib. Staff stated proper infant safe sleep procedures.**

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 9**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 04/13/1998	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 01/18/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 12/10/2018	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/03/2017	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 03/06/2006	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 03/21/2002	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 07/20/2004	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 09/28/2017	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 11/19/2018	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Director provided eight files for employees hired since last visit.

Technical Assistance

Ensure all employees and potential employees criminal records checks are ported before caring for children.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2019

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.