



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/25/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 11:15 AM

CCLC-1624

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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.
08/25/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/12/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/27/2019	Complaint 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
Main	1st Back Right		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Main	1st Front Right		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	1st Left Rear	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Art,Centers
Main	2nd Back Right	Infants	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap
Main	2nd Front Right	One Year Olds	1	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	2nd Left Rear	PreK	2	11	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3rd Left Rear		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	4th Left Rear	PreK	2	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	5th Rear		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	Left Front	Three Year Olds	10	9	C	33	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 187						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 52			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 187			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- Left Side	71	C
Main	PG-Center Rear/Right Area	100	C
Main	PG-Right Side	25	C

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on August 25, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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

Tiffany Futo, Program Official

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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. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair. Please fluff and redistribute resilient surface after heavy, excessive, or prolonged rainfall.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Comment

Hand washing requirements were discussed with the Director on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

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. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Comment

Routine school transportation resumed on August 3, 2020 with the start of Columbia County Schools. The director stated that the children and staff wore masks during transportation, the children were spaced out, the vehicle was cleaned and disinfected after each trip, and children's temperatures were taken at the return to the center in the afternoon. The director provided complete documentation of transportation for the week of August 17, 2020.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2016

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 07/06/2025

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 05/15/2019

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 01/11/1999

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 11/01/2019	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 04/29/2019	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 07/15/2020	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 07/31/2019	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 11/04/2019	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 03/15/1993	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 07/18/2016	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 12/20/2018	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 08/04/2020	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 07/31/2019	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 07/03/2019	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 11/27/2017	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 08/07/2019	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 08/06/2020	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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 May 12, 2020.

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 during the virtual walk through.