



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/14/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

CCLC-16954

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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.
01/14/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/24/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/10/2020	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	Room # 16 Toddlers	One Year Olds	1	7	C	7	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room # 6	One Year Olds	1	5	C	6	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room #1	One Year Olds	1	6	C	5	NC	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room #11 and #13	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room #12 and #14	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 0 (Nursery)	Infants	1	6	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room 15 & 17		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rooms # 19 & #21	Four Year Olds	1	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rooms # 7 & # 9	One Year Olds	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Rooms # 8 & #10	Infants	2	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding
Main	Rooms #18 & # 20, 22	Four Year Olds	1	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rooms #2 & #4	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Rooms #3 & #5	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 165						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 91			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 165			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A (Older Playground)	128	C


Main	Playground B (Younger)	22	C
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Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on 1/14/2021. Staff files, children’s files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on 1/14/2021 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.

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.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

Christie Wilbanks, Program Official

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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

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

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

Met

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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.

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

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition **Met**

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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 stated throughout the center.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

SIDS rules met.

Staff Records

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 11/23/2020	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 03/05/2020	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 05/30/2007	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 12/17/2018	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 12/02/2020	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 11/30/2020	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 08/24/2020	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 06/10/2020	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 09/16/2019	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 07/29/2019	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 06/06/2018	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 12/01/2015	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 07/23/2007	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 07/31/2019	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 04/29/2012	Met

Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 10/05/2018	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 10/31/2016	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 07/02/2018	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 11/06/2020	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 05/02/2016	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 08/13/2018	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 02/01/2016	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 07/25/2016	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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.