



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/23/2019 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 1:40 PM

CCLC-1925

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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.
04/23/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
04/23/2019	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/04/2019	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	Room 1/3yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room 2/ 3yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room 3/3 yrs	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	16	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room 4/ 4yr	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	24	C	34	C	Outside
Main	Room 6/4-5yr	Infants and One Year Olds	2	3	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room 7/Infants		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 8/Toddlers		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room5/4-5yrs	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 176

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 186

Total # Children this Date: 60

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 176

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 186

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	All other Enrolled	196	C
Main	Infant/Toddler	34	C

Comments

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

Lakishia Evans, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

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)

Not Evaluated

Comment

The director stated that the 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-.06 Bathrooms**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please secure plunger out of reach of children.

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

Licensed capacity was observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that outlets were left uncovered in Room 5 and Room 2.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to check outlets and replace protective caps when needed and identify and monitor how outlets in use are inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 4/23/2019

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 the yellow jungle gym steps on the preschool playground were observed to have sharp edges exposed from the iron that has begun to deteriorate.

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: 5/3/2019

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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 was observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

The director stated that the center has not dispensed medication since their last visit on January 23, 2019.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

The center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection was observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

The director stated that the center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36 - The consultant discussed ensuring that facility leave and arrival times are recoded accurately.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment was observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 21**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 05/02/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/16/2016	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 02/11/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 07/15/2016	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 09/04/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 09/26/2016	

Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 10/09/1996	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 10/25/2016	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 12/03/2013	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 02/10/2015	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/01/2003	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 07/25/2016	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 07/01/2009	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 08/04/2014	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 09/19/1996	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 11/02/2015	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 07/16/2018	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 03/15/2017	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 06/19/2013	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 08/30/2013	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 01/04/2017	Met

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 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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.