



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/16/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:05 AM **Departure:** 1:05 PM

CCLC-22068

Childcare Network #160

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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.
07/16/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/13/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/12/2018	Incident Investigation 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	Fifth Left	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	26	C	37	C	Outside
Main	First Left	One Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	First Right	Infants	2	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Fourth Left	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	25	C	Centers
Main	Fourth Right	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	24	C	33	C	Centers
Main	Front Left (Pre-K)	Six Year Olds and Over	1	13	C	24	C	34	C	Outside
Main	Front Right (Pre-K)	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	10	C	20	C	28	C	Centers
Main	Second Left	One Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Second Right	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Third Left	One Year Olds	1	4	C	9	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Third Right	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 204						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 249				
Total # Children this Date: 113						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 249				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Front Left-Play	35	C
Main	Front Right-Play	20	C
Main	Large Back-Play	371	C
Main	Second Right-Play	68	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/16/2019

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

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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.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2019

Corrected on 7/16/2019

.12(2) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that all furniture and equipment was observed to be free from hazardous conditions 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

Correction Deadline: 4/12/2019

Corrected on 7/16/2019

.06(4) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that all bathroom exhaust fans were observed to be operational on this date.

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined, based on observation, that the following potential hazards were observed:

- Front Right (Pre-K) Classroom: A plastic bag was observed accessible to children on the science shelf on this date.
- Third Right Classroom: A toilet brush was observed accessible to children in the bathroom on a low shelf on this date.
- Fourth Left Classroom: A container of Member's Mark baby wipes, which stated "Keep out of reach of children," was observed accessible to children in an unsecured cabinet under the diaper changing table on this date.
- Fifth Left Classroom: A plastic bag was observed accessible to children near the children's cubbies on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2019**Correction Deadline: 3/27/2019****Corrected on 7/16/2019**

.25(3) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the Center and surrounding premises were observed to be clean, free of debris, and in good repair on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined, based on observation, that a water hose was observed accessible to children on the Second Right Playground on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2019

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)**Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2019**Corrected on 7/16/2019**

.20(1) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that documentation for dispensing medication was observed complete on this date.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2019

Corrected on 7/16/2019

.21(3) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the center had complete documentation for conducting fire, tornado, and lockdown drills as required on this date.

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete for the field trip taken on July 11, 2019 to the Augusta Museum of History. The consultant observed children to leave for a field trip on the date of the visit to Chuck 'e Cheese with name tags and complete documentation left at the center.

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

Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 05/15/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 05/14/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 02/26/2014	
Staff # 4	Met

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 01/24/2019

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 02/15/2019

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 11/05/2018

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 01/19/2016

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 12/03/2018

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 11/15/2018

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 06/18/2013

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 06/03/2019

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 05/12/2003

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 02/25/2019

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 06/25/2018

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 04/24/2019

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2016

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 04/09/2019

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 12/05/2018

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 20

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2019

Corrected on 7/16/2019

.31(2)(b)2. - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that staff identified as lead teachers had documentation on file of meeting minimum academic requirements or of enrolling in a program of study to earn a credential to meet the minimum academic requirement for lead teachers on this date.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.