



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/21/2019 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 3:05 PM **Departure:** 5:45 PM

CCLC-248

Whitfield-Dalton Day Care Center

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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.
11/21/2019	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
11/21/2019	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
08/16/2019	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-109		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	B-112	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C-117		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	D-116		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	E-118	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	F-130	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	G-Multipurpose/Cafeteria	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	4	31	C	75	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H-Off multipurpose room beside dishwashing room		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Main	I-222		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	J-218		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	K-217		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	L-219		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	M-216		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	N-212		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	O-210		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	P-205		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	

Main	Q-203	0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 345				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 49		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 345		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant and Ones (Small one at front)	12	C
Main	Large Back Playground (3 Years and Over)	196	C
Main	Middle-(2 Year Olds)	66	C

Comments

Follow up to the previous Licensing Study that was conducted on August 16, 2019, was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/21/2019

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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.state.ga.us.

- 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.state.ga.us/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.decal.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@decal.ga.gov

Debbie Rector, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 31**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 06/04/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 01/22/2001	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/30/2016	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 01/07/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 03/05/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 04/20/2016	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/20/2019	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 07/23/2012	

Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 09/26/2016	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2005	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 07/10/2006	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 08/07/2019	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 03/08/2018	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 11/30/2007	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 08/08/2011	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 09/11/2019	
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2012	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 04/01/2015	
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 01/17/2019	
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 08/02/2019	
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 01/31/2014	
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 10/02/2019	
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 10/02/2019	

Records Reviewed: 31**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 08/16/2019	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 08/01/2007	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 05/30/2019	Met
Staff # 27 Date of Hire: 09/22/2017	Met
Staff # 28 Date of Hire: 08/25/2010	Met
Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 11/04/2014	Met
Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 02/01/2018	Met
Staff # 31 Date of Hire: 10/17/2019	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 20**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)** **Met****Comment**

Director provided six files for employees hired since last visit on August 16, 2019.

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.