



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/13/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 7:15 AM **Departure:** 10:30 AM

CCLC-25142

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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.
02/13/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/09/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/24/2019	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	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- PreK 4B	PreK	2	14	C	30	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	B PreK 4A	PreK	1	12	C	30	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C- PreK 3B	Three Year Olds	1	4	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D PreK 3A	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	E School Age	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	20	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	F- Sr. Toddlers	Two Year Olds	1	3	C	25	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	G- Jr. Toddlers	One Year Olds	1	2	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	H- Infants B	Infants	1	2	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	I- Infant A	Infants	1	2	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 65			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	7	C
Main	B	70	C
Main	C	54	C
Main	D	20	C
Main	E	59	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study as follow up to the visit conducted 9.9.19.

Consultant discussed and reviewed report with Center Director on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/13/2020

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/Regulations.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.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

Tonia Edwards, Program Official

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

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

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed 25 square feet rule.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Consultant discussed with Center Director to ensure that the rubber wall boarder is attached to the bottom of the bathroom wall in the D Pre- K 3A Classroom.

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2020

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair. Please remove all debris, and standing water caused by the heavy rains.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2019

Corrected on 2/13/2020

.26(4) - Consultant observed the fence to be in good repair.

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.18(7) - Consultant discussed with Center Director to ensure that space for storage of food and kitchen items and that the area be kept clean and free of accumulation of dust, dirt, food particles and grease deposits. Ensure that food items are stored no less than 2 inches off the floor.

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2020

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.36(6) requires written Parental authorization for routine transportation provided by or on behalf of the Center. Written authorization must include the routine pick-up location, routine pick-up time, routine delivery location, routine delivery times and the name of any person authorized to receive the child. It was determined based on review of records that one (1) of four (4) children did not have evidence of written authorization for transportation on file as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the required written parental authorization.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2020

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 09/23/2012	
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 03/21/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 01/27/2020	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 10/09/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 12/07/2017	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/03/2018	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 09/12/2019	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 08/30/2019	
Staff # 10	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Consultant observed 26 of 26 Center Staff to have valid Satisfactory Comprehensive Criminal Records Check letters on file as required.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) - Consultant discussed with Center Director to ensure that Center Staff have a ported Criminal Records Check Determination letter to the current location employed, prior to being present at the facility while children are present for care.

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2020

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

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.