



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/12/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:15 AM **Departure:** 10:50 AM

CCLC-289

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
04/12/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/27/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing
03/26/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

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.

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	Downstairs Front Right		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use			
Main	Downstairs Rear Left		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use			
Main	Upstairs 1st Left		0	0	C	4	C	NA	NA	Not In Use			
Main	Upstairs Left		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	Not In Use			
Main	Upstairs Rear Right	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play			
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			42			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0				
Two	Downstairs Room-PreK	PreK	2	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time			
Two	Upstairs Room-PreK	PreK	2	14	C	31	C	NA	NA	Circle Time			
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			52			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0				
Total # Children this Date: 38		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			94			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/12/2019

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/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.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

Michael Wall, Program Official

Date

Coty Cummings, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 10/1/2018

Corrected on 4/12/2019

Previous citation observed corrected. Television observed secure on this date.

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

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Comment

Please ensure to monitor the fence for sinking.

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 there was chipping paint on the metal pole at the wooden slide structure, the blue metal train, the blue metal truck, the red merry-go-round, the red metal truck, and the swing posts.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Director stated that paint has been purchased so the equipment can be sanded and repainted.

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2019

Recited on 4/12/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that two inches of resilient surface was observed beneath the fall zones of the swings.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 4/22/2019

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 an active ant hill was observed by the border of the wooden climbing structure.

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: 4/12/2019

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) **Met**

Comment

No diapered children enrolled.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) **Met**

Comment

Proper hand washing stated throughout the center.

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

Comment

No medication administered at this time per the director.

Safety

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.
Redirection is stated to be used in the center.

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**

No infants enrolled.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 8**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 07/26/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 10/02/2012	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 03/18/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 03/26/2018	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 07/20/2015	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 12/01/1999	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 10/06/2017	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 06/28/2015	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.
Consultant discussed portability with the director.

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.