

# Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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**Date:** 10/26/2020 Arrival: 11:00 AM Departure: 12:00 PM VisitType: Monitoring Visit

CCLC-30521 Regional Consultant

# Chaya Mushka Children's House

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**Mailing Address** 

Same

**Quality Rated: No** 

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Compliance Zone Designation				
10/26/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
11/14/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
04/04/2019	Licensing Study	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

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	1L Room 208	·	0	0	С	19	С	NA	NA	
Main	2L Room 212	Three Year Olds	2	11	С	17	С	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3L Room 213		0	0	С	17	С	NA	NA	
Main	4L Room 217	One Year Olds	2	10	С	18	С	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Downstairs 1L Room 102	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	18	С	31	С	NA	NA	Snack
Main	Downstairs 2L Room 106		0	0	С	24	С	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Downstairs 3L Room 110	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	С	24	С	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Downstairs 4L Room 114	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	19	С	32	С	NA	NA	Circle Time,Story
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 1	2		Total C ft.: 0	apacity @	25 sq.		@35 capa nt Toilets/\$	city limited by Sinks

Total # Children this Date: 71

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 12

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

**Playground Playground Building** Compliance **Playground** Occupancy Main Playground 101

#### Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on October 26, 2020, with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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, <a href="http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>, 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@decal.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: <a href="http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx">http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx</a>

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: <a href="https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/">https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/</a>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a>

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Dassie New, Program Official	Date	Emma Smith, Consultant	Date

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## **Findings Report**

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

**Activities and Equipment** 

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Emma Smith

# 591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

## Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

## Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through there was no pool observed on the property. Per the provider no swimming activities were provided.

**Facility** 

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

Met

## Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through storage of cleaning supplies and possible hazards were discussed. There were no hazards observed to be accessible to the children this date.

#### Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/14/2019

#### Corrected on 10/26/2020

.26(9) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed the playground to be clan and free from hazards on this date.

# Health and Hygiene

# 591-1-1.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the staff on this date. During the virtual walk through the staff displayed proper knowledge of the rules and regulations.

# 591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the staff on this date. Liquid soap and paper towels were observed accessible in the restroom area.

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the provider medication was not dispensed.

Safety

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

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.11 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the staff on this date.

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

N/A

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the provider there was no routine transportation provided.

# Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through 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: 15**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2** 

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Dissatisfied

Records Reviewed: 15	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2			
Staff # 3	Met			
Date of Hire: 08/26/2019				
Staff # 4	Met			
Date of Hire: 08/14/2018				
Staff # 5	Met			
Staff # 6	Met			
Staff # 7	Not Met			
"Missing/Incomplete Components"				
.09-Criminal Records Check Missing				
Staff # 8	Met			
Date of Hire: 08/14/2018				
Staff # 9	Met			
Date of Hire: 02/01/2018				
Staff # 10	Met			
Date of Hire: 08/04/2014				
Staff # 11	Met			
Date of Hire: 08/22/2018				
Staff # 12	Met			
Date of Hire: 08/22/2015				
Staff # 13	Met			
Staff # 14	Met			
Staff # 15	Met			

# Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

**Not Met** 

## Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on review of records that staff member # 2 that was hired August 20, 2020 and staff member #7 that was hired August 18, 2020 did not submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. Staff member #2 and staff member #7 were were observed to be supervised by other staff members on this date. The consultant left a one-day letter and A to Z video affidavit and read the consultant script.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will review criminal record checks for all staff and watch the video units to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 10/26/2020

## **Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on review of records that staff member #2 that was hired August 20, 2020 and staff member #7 that was hired August 18, 2020 did not have a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file .Staff member #2 and staff member #7 were observed to be supervised by other staff members on this date. The consultant left a one-day letter and A to Z video affidavit and read the consultant script.

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Correction Deadline: 10/26/2020

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) Met

#### Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020.

Staffing and Supervision

# 591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

# Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through appropriate ratio was observed.

## 591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through staff were observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.