



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/19/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:30 PM

Departure: 1:30 PM

CCLC-31574

Polka-Dots Early Childhood Development 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.
11/19/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/22/2020	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
06/18/2020	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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/Red		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA		
Main	B/Blue	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning	
Main	C/Green	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning	
Main	D/Yellow	One Year Olds	1	6	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	E/Orange		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			99			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		
Total # Children this Date:			27			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			99		
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	One	37	C

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on November 19, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to Covid-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on June 16, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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

Carolyn Byrd, Program Official

Date

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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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

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 met by the center on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute as needed. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Food Service

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director that the new infant feeding plan is now required and that parents should have discussed with the child’s pediatrician foods that are developmentally appropriate and all have agreed that it is developmentally appropriate. There is no required written piece needed from the doctor. The parent must acknowledge and sign off on the new form that they have discussed with the pediatrician and it is deemed appropriate.

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2020

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Correction Deadline: 6/18/2020

Corrected on 11/19/2020

The correction was observed on this date.

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. Children were spaced appropriately and sheets and blankets were observed. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 10/21/2019

Staff # 3 Met

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 03/16/2017

Staff # 5 Met

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 04/06/2017

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director that on-line only for First Aid and CPR were not accepted to meet the requirement for Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning and that the skills were required to be demonstrated with an approved trainer prior to certification being received.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2020

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2020

Corrected on 11/19/2020

The correction was observed on this date.

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. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.