



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 9/21/2018    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 8:45 AM    **Departure:** 12:40 PM

**CCLC-31733**

**The Children's House**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
09/21/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/07/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/06/2017	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	2A	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Ce nters,Outside
Main	3's	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	31	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Out side,Story
Main	Infant I	Infants	3	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Nap,Fl oor Play,Transitionin g,Feeding
Main	Infant II	One Year Olds	3	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Transitionin g,Outside
Main	Pre-K A	PreK	2	14	C	28	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Ce nters
Main	Pre-K B	PreK	2	16	C	32	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Ce nters
Main	Upstairs (Library)		0	0	C	31	C	NA	NA	
Main	Waddlers	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Out side,Art,Centers

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 186

Total Capacity @25 sq.  
ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 80

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 186

Total Capacity @25 sq.  
ft.: 0

<u>Building</u>	<u>Playground</u>	<u>Playground Occupancy</u>	<u>Playground Compliance</u>
Main	Playground B	84	C
Main	Pre-K A Playground	89	C
Main	Waddler Playground	18	C

**Comments**

The assistant director provided four files for employees hired since the last visit.

The center does not currently participate in field trips or transportation. The center does administer medication.

On this date the consultant left the center a copy of the upcoming background check requirements.

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](mailto: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](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

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robin perkins, 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**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 6**

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

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met
Child # 6	Met

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

**Met**

**Comment**

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

**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**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10(3) - Please ensure that the diaper changing pad in Infant I is in good repair. On this date the consultant observed the changing pad to have a section of exposed foam on the right side corner of the changing pad.

**Correction Deadline: 9/21/2018**

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.05 Animals** **Met**

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

**Comment**

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

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

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Comment**

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

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<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 23**

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

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Staff # 1	Met
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Date of Hire: 07/17/1995

Staff # 2	Met
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Date of Hire: 09/25/1992

Staff # 3	Met
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Date of Hire: 05/27/2014

Staff # 4	Met
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Date of Hire: 03/01/2015

Staff # 5	Met
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Date of Hire: 11/01/2013

Staff # 6	Met
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Date of Hire: 09/23/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 7	Met
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Date of Hire: 12/07/2010

Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 02/27/2018	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 10/23/2006	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 05/01/2014	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 07/27/2018	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 06/01/2005	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 08/02/2018	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 02/01/1990	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 10/19/2012	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 02/01/2017	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 09/01/2013	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 03/10/2015	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 07/05/2016	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 05/27/2014	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 01/23/2017	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 10/19/2015	Met

Staff # 23

Met

Date of Hire: 03/07/2018

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 23**

**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided four file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**

**Met**

**Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% 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.