



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 9/23/2020    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 10:05 AM    **Departure:** 11:05 AM

**CCLC-31733**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
09/23/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
03/12/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/18/2019	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 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	2A	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	3's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	13	C	31	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Infant I	Infants	3	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Main	Infant II	One Year Olds	3	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Pre-K A	PreK	2	17	C	28	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Pre-K B	PreK	2	17	C	32	C	NA	NA	Centers, Art
Main	Upstairs (Library)		0	0	C	31	C	NA	NA	
Main	Waddlers	One Year Olds	2	5	C	18	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Music

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 186

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 73

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground B	84	C
Main	Pre-K A Playground	89	C
Main	Waddler Playground	18	C

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on September 23, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on September 23, 2020 with the Director. 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, <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/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.

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#### 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.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.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: <http://dec.al.ga.gov/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.

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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.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

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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 during the virtual inspection.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

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

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**Correction Deadline: 3/13/2020**

Corrected on 9/23/2020

.08(1) - The consultant observed this rule to be corrected on this date.

## 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

Center appears clean and well maintained during the virtual inspection.

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

Met

#### Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute as needed. The consultant also discussed daily monitoring of the playground and playground equipment to ensure that hazards are not present while children are in care.

## Health and Hygiene

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures during the virtual inspection.

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

Met

#### Comment

The staff stated proper knowledge of hand washing procedures during the virtual inspection. The consultant also observed hand washing supplies in the bathrooms.

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

Met

#### Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

## Policies and Procedures

### 591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

#### Comment

Thank you for reporting as required.

## Safety

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

Met

#### Comment

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 05/11/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 10/23/2006	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 05/27/2014	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 01/23/2017	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 03/17/2014	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/1990	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 03/10/2015	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2015	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 05/27/2014	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 07/30/1991	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 11/05/2015	

Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 12/30/2019	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 10/19/2012	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 09/19/2019	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 07/10/2020	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 05/01/2014	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 05/25/2019	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Correction Deadline: 3/12/2020**

**Corrected on 9/23/2020**

**.09(1)(a) - The consultant observed this rule to be corrected on this date.**

**Correction Deadline: 3/12/2020**

**Corrected on 9/23/2020**

**.09(1)(c) - The consultant observed this rule to be corrected on this date.**

**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-.33 Staff Training Not Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/20/2020**

**Corrected on 9/23/2020**

**.33(3) - The consultant observed this rule to be corrected on this date.**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based on the consultant's review of records that the Director did not have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

**Correction Deadline: 11/6/2020**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations. 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.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios during the virtual inspection.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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