



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Date:** 5/21/2020    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 3:45 PM    **Departure:** 5:00 PM

**CCLC-32809**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
05/21/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/07/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
07/01/2019	Complaint Closure	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	Room 1 Left	Infants	2	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room 1 Right	PreK	2	10	C	18	C	25	C	Outside
Main	Room 2 Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Room 2 Right	PreK	2	23	C	26	C	37	C	Outside
Main	Room 3 Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	14	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 4 Left	PreK	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 126

Total # Children this Date: 78

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	1 Left	15	C
Main	1 Right	30	C
Main	2 Left	25	C
Main	2 Right	45	C
Main	3 Left	25	C
Main	4 Left	35	C

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on May 21, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on June 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 May 12, 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.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.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.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.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.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.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.ga.gov)

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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 during the virtual walk through of the center.

**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**

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

**Comment**

The consultant observed attendance records for the week of April 27, 2020 to May 1, 2020 and the week of May 4, 2020 to May 8, 2020.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.08(1) - The Consultant discussed with the Director about ensuring that the parent work addresses include the street name, city, state, and zip code.

**Correction Deadline: 5/21/2020**

**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 walk through of the center.

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

**Comment**

The consultant observed adequate sand on the playgrounds. The consultant discussed playground maintenance and conducting regular checks for hazards on the playground. A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic and all regulations related to this rule will be evaluated on the next regulatory visit.

**Food Service**

**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition** **Met**

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines. The consultant observed the center's menu for April 2020.

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

**Comment**

Kitchen appears well organized. A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director/Provider on this date. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

**Comment**

Handwashing supplies were observed and handwashing practices were discussed. 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-.20 Medications(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting** **Met**

**Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.05 Animals** **Met**

**Comment**

Animals were briefly observed to be appropriately caged and clean through a virtual walk through of the center.

**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 Director/Provider on this date.

**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children. The consultant observed a vehicle inspection that was conducted on March 18, 2020. The program is in compliance with the executive order that was issued on May 12, 2020 regarding transportation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**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. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 14**

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

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Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 07/24/2017

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 08/11/2011

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 02/26/2019

Staff # 4 Met

**Records Reviewed: 14****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 08/05/2019

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 02/26/2019

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 03/10/2017

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2011

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 03/16/2017

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2017

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 10/09/2012

Staff # 11

Met

Date of Hire: 04/27/2020

Staff # 12

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2011

Staff # 13

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2011

Staff # 14

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2008

**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 for all staff currently working.

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

**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 May 12, 2020.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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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.

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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 and supervision was briefly observed through the virtual walk through.