



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/7/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:15 AM **Departure:** 12:45 PM

CCLC-32809

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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.
11/07/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/01/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
06/13/2019	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	Room 1 Left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap, Diapering, Floor Play
Main	Room 1 Right	PreK	2	16	C	18	C	25	C	Centers, Outside, Transitioning
Main	Room 2 Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	16	C	16	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play, Free Play, Transitioning
Main	Room 2 Right	PreK	2	18	C	26	C	37	C	Outside, Transitioning
Main	Room 3 Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	14	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside, Circle Time
Main	Room 4 Left	PreK	2	17	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside, Art, Centers

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 126

Total # Children this Date: 90

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 126

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

Field trip documentation observed to be complete. The center conducted a field trip to Down Town Sylvania on October 30, 2019, and the center conducted a field trip to Old Freeman Family Farm on October 17, 2019.

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


All current staff had evidence of comprehensive background checks on file on this date.

The center does participate in field trips, transportation, and medication.

The center does not participate in swimming.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/07/2019

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.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

Ramona Stewart, 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 variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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 routinely met by center.

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

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please ensure that playground equipment is free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. On this date the consultant observed the yellow ladder to the climber on the left back playground had rust accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 11/17/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2019

Corrected on 11/7/2019

.29(3) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the center has been reporting incidents to the department as required.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete. The center conducted a field trip to Down Town Sylvania on October 30, 2019, and the center conducted a field trip to Old Freeman Family Farm on October 17, 2019.

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

Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed. The local school system is contracted out to provide transportation to the center.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - Please ensure that cots and mats that are stored in the children's activity room or area, are stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space.

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2019

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

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
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: 08/01/2011	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2011	

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.

Comment

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

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

Correction Deadline: 7/13/2019

Corrected on 11/7/2019

.14(2) - Previous citation observed corrected in that all current staff had evidence of first aid and CPR training within 90 days of their hire date.

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

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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.