



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/11/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:45 AM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

CCLC-33284

The Chestnut Treehouse III

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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.
02/11/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/11/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/28/2019	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	A - 1st Right	One Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B - 2nd Right	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	C - 3rd Right	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D - Back Right	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E - Back Left		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	F - 2nd Left	Four Year Olds	1	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G - 1st Left	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 48

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - 6wk to 23mth	7	C
Main	Playground B - School Age	22	C
Main	Playground C - Preschool	36	C
Main	Playground D - 2's	23	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and follow up on previous rule violations.

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.decal.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.

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@decal.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://decal.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.

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

Candace Christina, Program Official

Date

Stacy Whitten, Consultant

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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-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/11/2019

Corrected on 2/11/2020

.03(1) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed all classrooms to have evidence of an up to date lesson plan on this date.

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 7/11/2019

Corrected on 2/11/2020

.12(2) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed the equipment and furniture to be in good repair and free from hazards on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and repair or replace the changing tables in classroom 1R, 3R front, and 1L, where the wood is beginning to separate, and ensure a smooth surface is maintained.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2020

Correction Deadline: 7/11/2019

Corrected on 2/11/2020

.12(4) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed there to be no tipping hazards on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Consultant discussed with provider to continue to monitor equipment and furniture for tipping hazards and ensure TV's and computer monitors are secured.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2020

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)**Technical Assistance****Correction Deadline: 7/11/2019****Corrected on 2/11/2020****.25(13) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed there to be no hazards accessible to children on this date.****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and ensure the fire extinguisher is not stored in the bathroom in classroom 1R

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2020**Technical Assistance**591-1-1-.25(3) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor the following areas and repair or replace to ensure it is in good repair and free from chipping paint -
-3R back classroom : the door leading to the playground, where chipping paint is developing, as well as the soap dispenser bracket on the wall by the sink and one ceiling tile is becoming loose from the ceiling
-2L - front classroom : one floor tile in the boys bathroom is developing cracks, as well as the sink cabinet doors material is beginning to come apart**Correction Deadline: 2/11/2020**

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2019**Corrected on 2/11/2020****.26(4) - Correction of the previous citation in that there were no gaps observed to be present on the fencing on this date. Please continue to monitor the fencing for gaps and repair or replace as needed. Also, please ensure the gate between the first left and second left playgrounds is pulled tightly to prevent a gap from developing.****Correction Deadline: 7/21/2019****Corrected on 2/11/2020****.26(6) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed the playground equipment to be in good repair and free of hazards on this date.****Correction Deadline: 7/18/2019****Corrected on 2/11/2020****.26(9) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed there to be no hazards on the playgrounds on this date. Please continue to monitor and remove items that might pose a hazards from the playgrounds, as needed.**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and repair or repaint the following areas where chipping paint is beginning to develop :

-1L playground - classroom door, the wall under the windows on the left side of the building, the fencing material around the mechanical unit on 1R playground, as well as the classroom doors on the right side of the building.

Correction Deadline: 2/11/2020

Food Service

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/11/2019

Corrected on 2/11/2020

.15(2) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed evidence of all infants to have feeding plans on this date, please continue to monitor and update infant feeding plans every three months or more often as needed.

Correction Deadline: 7/11/2019

Corrected on 2/11/2020

.15(4) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed the feeding chairs to be in good repair on this date with the required straps in place.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment 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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Correction Deadline: 7/11/2019

Corrected on 2/11/2020

.30(1)(b)3 - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed the children's bedding to be stored separate on this date, and not touching other children's bedding.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 05/17/2017	
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2013	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 05/07/2018	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/22/2014	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 03/19/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 01/01/2012	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Consultant observed evidence of satisfactory comprehensive background checks to be complete for all staff on this date.

Comment

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

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

591-1-1-.14 - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and ensure all staff complete the required CPR and First Aid training within their first 90 days of employment, also please monitor staff CPR / First aid training expirations and ensure all staff stay current on the training.

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

Correction Deadline: 7/11/2019

Corrected on 2/11/2020

.32(1) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed all classrooms to have proper staff/child ratios on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/11/2019

Corrected on 2/11/2020

.32(7) - Correction of the previous citation in that all children were observed to be properly supervised on this date.