



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/11/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 12:40 PM **Departure:** 4:45 PM

CCLC-3451

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Quality Rated: No

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.
01/11/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/27/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/01/2018	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	Center - 2134		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	Hamm-2062		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	Hamm-2067		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	Hamm-2135		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	Hamm-2144		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	Hamm-2145		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	Hamm-2146		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	Hamm-2151		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	Hamm-2154		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	Kenan-2063	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Kenan-2064	Four Year Olds	2	16	C	24	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Kenan-2065	Four Year Olds	2	16	C	15	NC	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Stepping Stones-1015		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	Stepping Stones-1016		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	Stepping Stones-1018		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	Taylor Stelmack - 2135		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 246

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 44


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Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/11/2019

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.dec.state.ga.us/>
 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.state.ga.us

Lola Stringer, 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-.03 Activities****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Provider the importance of having lesson plans visible for inspection during a visit.

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2019

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)**N/A****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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that in classroom 2134 there was a dust pan in the bathroom and in classroom 1015 there was twisted peppermint body cream. In classroom 2144 there was an open drawer by the desk that contained scissors and a tape dispenser. In classroom 2063 there was an unlocked storage under the sink that contained salt, handcleaner, sanicloth, a dust pan and glassware. In classroom 2064 there was a broom and dust pan and in classroom 2065 in a teacher's drawer there was a hole puncher, staples and a plunger in the bathroom. Also in classroom 2146 there was an unlocked drawer containing some scissors, a stapler, white out and Eucerin lotion and all classrooms were accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2019

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

Consultant discussed with the Provider the need to have the resilient surfacing fluffed.

Correction Deadline: 1/21/2019**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the Provider the importance of checking the playground regularly.

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2019

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**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Correction Deadline: 9/27/2018****Corrected on 1/11/2019****The previous citation was corrected.**

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

There were no infants enrolled on the day of the visit.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2018

Corrected on 1/11/2019

Previous citation was not visible and was deferred but all staff trainings were documented and current during visit.

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.