



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/14/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 10:55 AM

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.
02/14/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/01/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/27/2021	Incident Investigation by Phone	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	Hamm - 2132	Two Year Olds	3	3	C	9	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	Hamm- 2134	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	Hamm-2135	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Hamm-2144		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	Hamm-2145		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	Hamm-2146	Two Year Olds	2	5	C	9	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Hamm-2151	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	Hamm-2154		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	Kenan-2062	Three Year Olds	3	14	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Kenan-2063	Three Year Olds	3	15	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Kenan-2064	Four Year Olds	2	14	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Kenan-2065	Four Year Olds	2	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Kenan-2067	Two Year Olds	3	14	C	23	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Stepping Stones - 1020	Four Year Olds	3	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Stepping Stones-1017	Four Year Olds	2	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Stepping Stones-1018	Three Year Olds	3	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			242			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 121			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	307	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on February 14, 2022. Staff files, children's files, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on February 14, 2022 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/14/2022

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



Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

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

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)

Lola Stringer, Program Official

Date

LaToya Longshore, Consultant

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Discussed mounting the television to ensure it is properly secured.

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)

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 observation in Room 1020, hand sanitizer was observed sitting on the shelf 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: 2/14/2022

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Comment

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

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

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

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

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: 53

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2021

Staff # 3 Met
Date of Hire: 01/21/2021

Staff # 4 Met

Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 01/07/2008	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 08/01/2017	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 10/18/2019	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 08/03/2018	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 08/01/2021	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/12/2001	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 08/01/2014	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 08/01/2015	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 03/06/2021	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 07/31/2014	Met
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 08/05/2013	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 08/02/2021	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 08/28/2019	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 08/01/2016	Met

Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 08/08/2017	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 11/07/2012	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 08/08/2018	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 08/01/2021	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 08/01/2014	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 01/09/2018	Met
Staff # 27 Date of Hire: 08/01/2019	Met
Staff # 28 Date of Hire: 08/01/2004	Met
Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 01/04/2021	Met
Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 08/07/1991	Met
Staff # 31 Date of Hire: 08/12/2019	Met
Staff # 32 Date of Hire: 08/28/2017	Met
Staff # 33 Date of Hire: 08/01/2021	Met
Staff # 34 Date of Hire: 08/03/2018	Met
Staff # 35 Date of Hire: 08/03/2012	Met

Staff # 36 Date of Hire: 08/06/2019	Met
Staff # 37 Date of Hire: 08/01/2019	Met
Staff # 38	Met
Staff # 39 Date of Hire: 08/01/2021	Met
Staff # 40 Date of Hire: 11/30/2015	Met
Staff # 41	Met
Staff # 42 Date of Hire: 09/01/2021	Met
Staff # 43 Date of Hire: 08/01/1997	Met
Staff # 44	Met
Staff # 45	Met
Staff # 46 Date of Hire: 08/01/2021	Met
Staff # 47 Date of Hire: 08/02/2019	Met
Staff # 48 Date of Hire: 08/01/2016	Met
Staff # 49 Date of Hire: 06/25/2014	Met
Staff # 50 Date of Hire: 08/01/2001	Met
Staff # 51 Date of Hire: 08/01/2021	Met
Staff # 52 Date of Hire: 08/01/2021	Met

Staff # 53

Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 39

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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.