



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/13/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:30 AM

Departure: 10:30 AM

CCLC-3471

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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.
10/13/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/12/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/29/2019	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
Building 2	Left Room	Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	5	C	9	C	13	C	Free Play, Transitioning
Building 2	Right Room		0	0	C	5	C	7	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 14			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 67							
Main	Room A-1st L	One Year Olds	2	3	C	9	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room B-1st R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Room B-2nd L	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	Room B-2nd R	Infants	2	2	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 53			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 67							
Total # Children this Date: 21			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 67			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 67				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	84	C

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on October 13, 2020 with Loyce Anderson. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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

Loyce Anderson, Program Official

Date

Laura Johnson, 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

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

Comment

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-.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 Evaluated

Comment

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-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2019

Corrected on 10/13/2020

.15(2) - This citation was corrected during a virtual visit on this date. All infants present had a infant feeding plan on file. A copy of the most recent Infant Feeding Plan was emailed to the director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2019

Corrected on 10/13/2020

.15(3) - This citation was corrected during a virtual visit on this date. The consultant observed bottles that were labeled, supplied by the parents and refrigerated as required.

Health and Hygiene

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

Defer

Comment

Discussed labeling of "diapering only" areas and staff work stations.

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Comment

There were no children enrolled in the program on this date. Proper diaper facilities were observed with warm running water and proper ventilation.

Defer

591-1-1-.10(5)- A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure Staff are trained, procedures are reviewed periodically and diaper changing is monitored periodically.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2019

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

Met

Comment

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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 on this date.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 05/13/2010	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 01/23/2008	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 12/08/2015	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 02/03/2014	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/21/2006	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/17/2015	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 09/09/2009	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 03/09/2020	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 05/21/2014	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 02/04/2019	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 01/29/2007	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8

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.

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

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 August 15, 2020.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)	Met
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Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.