



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334
 Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Date: 11/15/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:50 AM

Departure: 2:00 PM

CCLC-36303

Cornerstone Children's Center

209 Church Street Vidalia, GA 30474 Toombs County
 (912) 535-7521 cneal@vidaliafirstumc.org

Regional Consultant

Connie Boatright

Phone: (912) 544-9701

Fax: (912) 544-9700

connie.boatright@decal.ga.gov

Mailing Address

P O Box 150
 Vidalia, GA 30475

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.
11/15/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/20/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/06/2018	Monitoring Visit	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-INF COLTS	One Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Story,Nap,Lunch
Main	B-INF LAMBS	Infants	3	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Music,Feeding,Nap
Main	C-1YR CUBS	Infants and One Year Olds	3	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Lunch,Nap,Transitioning
Main	D-2YR OWLS	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Music,Lunch,Nap
Main	E-4-5 YRS HORSES	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	15	C	18	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Transitioning,Nap,Lunch
Main	F-3 YR BEARS	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap,Lunch,Centers,Transitioning
Main	G-3YRS-GAZELLES	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning,Lunch,Circle Time
Main	H-5-12YRS LIONS		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I-2YR SHEEP	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning,Circle Time,Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 154						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Total # Children this Date: 82

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 154

Total Capacity @25 sq.
ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-FR-0-4 YRS	53	C
Main	B-BK 5-12 YEARS	63	C

Comments

This Monitoring Visit is the first regulatory visit for Cornerstone Children's Center this 2019 - 2020 fiscal year. The provider stated medication is administered, field trips and routine transportation is provided. The consultant did not observe transportation on this visit. The center director stated four new staff has been hired since the consultants last visit. The consultant reviewed all staff, volunteer, and therapist files and finds that each staff member has a Satisfactory Comprehensive fingerprint criminal records clearance determination letter on file.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/15/2019

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

Cassie Neal, Program Official

Date

Connie Boatright, Consultant

Date



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334
Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Findings Report

Date: 11/15/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:50 AM

Departure: 2:00 PM

CCLC-36303**Cornerstone Children's Center**

209 Church Street Vidalia, GA 30474 Toombs County
(912) 535-7521 cneal@vidaliafirstumc.org

Mailing Address
P O Box 150
Vidalia, GA 30475

Regional Consultant

Connie Boatright

Phone: (912) 544-9701
Fax: (912) 544-9700
connie.boatright@dec.al.ga.gov

The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities**Met****Comment**

The consultant observed age appropriate activities through out the center.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2019**Comment**

591-1-1-.03(2) The consultant observed current lesson plans to be posted in all classrooms in use.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2019

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**Met****Comment**

The consultant observed toys and equipment to be clean and in good repair.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) - The center director and staff will ensure that the plunger located in the girls bathroom of classroom C17 - Lions Den is stored in a safe place which is not accessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2019**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(8) - The center director and staff will ensure that all electrical outlets not in use and within reach of the children will be capped with a protective cover.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2019

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3

Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://decalfga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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.

Safety

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

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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.

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

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

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.

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.

Comment

591-1-1-.30(4). The consultant observed cots and mats to be stored in the classroom setting and to be covered as required.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2019

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 15

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
-----------	-----

Date of Hire: 08/24/2015

Staff # 2	Met
-----------	-----

Date of Hire: 06/03/2013

Staff # 3	Met
-----------	-----

Date of Hire: 09/07/2013

Records Reviewed: 15**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/22/2016	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2013	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/14/2017	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/19/2019	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 02/10/2016	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 10/01/2014	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 10/07/2019	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 08/07/2017	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 06/22/2013	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 08/08/2019	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 05/23/2019	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 09/30/2013	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 10

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2019**Corrected on 11/15/2019****.09(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.****Correction Deadline: 5/20/2019**

Corrected on 11/15/2019

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected.

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

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Met
----------------------------	-----

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

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