



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 2/13/2020    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 10:35 AM    **Departure:** 12:00 PM

**CCLC-36541**

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**Quality Rated:**

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
02/13/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/10/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/25/2019	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
One	A	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
One	C	One Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
One	D	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 43						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Two	E(right)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	26	C	27	C	NA	NA	Outside
Two	F(left)	Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 47						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 76		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 90			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
One	Playground A	27	C
One	Playground B	11	C
Two	Playground C	21	C

**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit is to complete a monitoring visit. Measurements for Classroom B were also taken for an amendment.

The director stated that the center does not provide routine transportation, medications, or swimming activities.

The director provided two files for employees hired since the last visit.

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/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@dec.state.ga.us](mailto: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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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Lori Wheeler, Program Official

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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: 2/17/2020

Corrected on 2/13/2020

.03(2) - This citation was corrected in that all classrooms had an current posted lesson plan on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

#### Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - The consultant spoke with the director about repair, replacing, or removing the rocking chair in the infant classroom that had a large tear with exposed foam. The director stated they plan to remove it and replace it with a new one.

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2020

#### 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)

Met

#### Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6) - The consultant spoke with the director about repairing, replacing, or removing the four seat teeter totter on Playground C that had two seats that were cracked and presented a potential pinching hazard.

**Correction Deadline: 2/23/2020****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that on Playground C there was only one-inch of resilient surfacing and not at least six-inches as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency. The area has gotten a lot of rain that has washed a lot of the wood chips away. The director plans to add more wood chips to the playground.

**Correction Deadline: 3/13/2020**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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**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)****N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Safety**

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**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.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 02/19/2019	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 02/14/2019	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 08/14/2019	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 08/05/2019	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 07/16/2009	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided two files for employees hired since the last 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**

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