



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/17/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 11:30 AM

CCLC-36541

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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. |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--|
| 02/17/2021 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
| 07/21/2020 | Licensing Study | Good Standing | |
| 02/13/2020 | 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 | 8 | C | 10 | C | NA | NA | Feeding, Floor Play |
| One | B | Three Year Olds | 1 | 9 | C | 9 | C | NA | NA | Centers |
| One | C | One Year Olds | 2 | 14 | C | 17 | C | NA | NA | Centers |
| One | D | Two Year Olds | 2 | 16 | C | 16 | C | NA | NA | Centers |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 52 | | | | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | |
| Two | E(right) | Four Year Olds | 2 | 25 | C | 27 | C | NA | NA | Centers |
| Two | F(left) | | 0 | 0 | C | 21 | C | NA | NA | |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 47 | | | | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 72 | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 99 | | | 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

A virtual inspection was conducted on February 17, 2021 with the Provider. 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: Developed This Date 02/17/2021

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.

- 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

Lori Wheeler, Program Official

Date

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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)

Met

Comment

No hazards were observed accessible to children during a virtual visit on this date.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The consultant discussed daily monitoring of the playground and playground equipment to ensure that hazards are not present while children are present for care.

Food Service

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(2) - Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Diapering was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Procedures and sanitation regarding proper diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Handwashing was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Hand washing supplies were observed, and hand washing practices were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Tight fitting sheets, SIDS, and infant sleeping position were discussed with the Director on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Records Reviewed: 10**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 09/28/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 02/19/2019

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 02/14/2019

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 05/04/2020

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 02/08/2021

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 11/09/2020

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 02/08/2021

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 08/05/2019

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 07/16/2009

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 02/10/2021

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

The Director provided five files for employees hired since the last visit.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.31 - Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and shut down of the program, the Director stated that a lot of her staff members quit and are not longer employed. The Director stated that she is working with her current staff members to ensure that they enroll in an approved education program within six months of hire and complete degree within 18 months of hire.

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****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) - Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during meal times and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2021