



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/9/2018 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 1:15 PM **Departure:** 3:05 PM

CCLC-39118

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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. |
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| 10/09/2018 | POI Follow Up | Deficient | |
| 09/17/2018 | Complaint Closure | Good Standing | |
| 09/12/2018 | Complaint Investigation Follow Up | Support | |

Ratios/License Capacity

| Building | Room | Age Group | Staff | Children | NC/C | Max 35 SF. | 35 SF. Comp. | Max 25 SF. | 25 SF. Comp. | Notes |
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| Main | A- Infants- 1st Right | Infants and One Year Olds | 1 | 9 | NC | 15 | C | NA | NA | Nap,Feeding |
| Main | C- 2nd Right- 2's | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds | 1 | 11 | NC | 14 | C | NA | NA | Nap,Diapering |
| Main | D- 3's Back Right | Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over | 1 | 11 | C | 25 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | F- School age-Basement | | 0 | 0 | C | 38 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | Rm. B - 1st Left Toddlers | | 0 | 0 | C | 13 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | Rm. E- Back left- 4's | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 0 | 12 | NC | 21 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126 | | | | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 43 | | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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Comments

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 10/16/2018

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.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

Trenise Holmes, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

| Facility |
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591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the black wall boarder was peeling off in the second left classroom, posing a potential safety concern to children in care.

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Correction Deadline: 10/9/2018

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

Not Met

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Correction Deadline: 10/9/2018

Corrected on 10/9/2018

The citation was under the incorrect rule number .26(6) and therefore was moved to the correct rule number .26(9).

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on consultant's observation that there was a nail protruding from the barrier surrounding the infant/toddler swing set creating a potential hazard to children in care.

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Correction Deadline: 10/9/2018

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| Safety |
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591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Not Met

Defer

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1.- This citation will be deferred until the next follow-up visit is conducted; when transportation can be physically observed.

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Correction Deadline: 9/13/2018

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)2. requires that no vehicle shall exceed the manufacturer's rated seating capacity and that proof of the seating capacity is maintained on file. It was determined based a review of transportation records that the transportation vehicle had 20 occupants and was manufactured to seat 14.

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Correction Deadline: 10/10/2018

Recited on 10/9/2018

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Correction Deadline: 9/12/2018

Corrected on 10/9/2018

.36(7)(d)2. - Consultant observed previous citation to be corrected in that all transportation records reviewed were observed to have a second check signature as required.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2018

Corrected on 10/9/2018

.33(3) - Consultant observed previous citation to be corrected in that all currently required staff were observed to have health and safety orientation training as required.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the infant classroom had ratio of one staff member and eight infant children.

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Correction Deadline: 10/9/2018

Recited on 10/9/2018

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times and that the persons supervising in the child care area be alert, able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the chaperones and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. It was determined based on consultant's observation that during nap time the four-year-old back left classroom was observed to have twelve children present with no teacher physically present in the classroom, creating a serious safety concern for children in care.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2018