



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 9/25/2017    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 2:25 PM

**Departure:** 4:20 PM

**CCLC-39560**

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<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.
09/25/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/31/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/15/2016	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		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B	Infants	1	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	C		0	0	C	25	C	35	C	Not In Use
Main	D	One Year Olds	1	7	C	9	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	E		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	G	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	H	One Year Olds	1	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Snack
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 118				
Total # Children this Date: 38			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 118				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	40	C
Main	Playground B	17	C
Main	Playground C	61	C
Main	Playground D	5	C
Main	Playground E	9	C

**Comments**

Routine Transportation/Afterschool observed

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).



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**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@decga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decga.gov).

- 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://decga.gov/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)

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SHEILA RUCKER, Program Official

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Date

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Ashley Cunningham, 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**

Observed-Variety Throughout Center

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

N/A

**Comment**

No Swimming Activities Provided

#### Facility

**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**

Met

**Comment**

Licensed Capacity Routinely Met

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

Met

**Comment**

Observation-Center Clean/Well Maintained

**Comment**

Observation-No Hazards Accessible

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

Met

**Comment**

Observation-Clean/Good Repair

#### Health and Hygiene

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

Met

**Comment**

Observed-Proper Diapering

**Comment**

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Observed-Proper Hand Washing Throughout

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17(7)(a) - Please ensure that with infant hand washing wash cloth/wipe hand washing is to be used only for infants when the infant is too heavy to hold or cannot stand safely and for children with special needs.

**Correction Deadline: 9/25/2017**

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Per the assistant director, no medication dispensed since last visit.

**Safety**

**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Observed-Positive Learning Environment

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Observed-Complete Documentation

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Correct number of mats; disinfecting discussed

**Comment**

Discussed-SIDS/Infant Sleeping Position

**Staff Records**

**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

No new hires since last visit. Comprehensive Background Check discussed.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

591-1-1-.31(13) - Staff in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

**Correction Deadline: 9/25/2017**

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Observed-Appropriate Staff:Child Ratios

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Observed-Adequate Supervision