



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 4/9/2019    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:30 AM    **Departure:** 12:10 PM

**CCLC-4026**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<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.
04/09/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/20/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/15/2018	Licensing Study	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 Left Front-Right Hallway	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	13	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	B Left Back-Right Hallway	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	21	C	31	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C Mid Back-Right Hallway	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	20	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D Right Back-Left Hallway	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	19	C	27	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	Front Left-Left Hallway		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 73						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: No Plan Developed

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.

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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@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.

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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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Melanie Montanaro, Program Official

Date

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

### Activities and Equipment

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

Met

#### Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

#### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

#### 591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

#### Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

### Facility

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

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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**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)** **Met**

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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**Food Service**

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

**Comment**

Parents provide the lunch.

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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.

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

**Comment**

Proper hand washing stated throughout the center.

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

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures** **Met**

**Comment**

Discussed documentation of fire and tornado drills with the director.

**Correction Deadline: 4/14/2019**

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**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices** **Met**

**Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

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**Safety**

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

**Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.  
Positive redirection is stated to be used in the center.

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

**Comment**

No infants enrolled. Mats and Cots observed stored appropriately.

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 18**

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

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/15/2014	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2012	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 06/03/2002	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/10/2018	
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 11/26/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/02/2018	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 01/10/2019	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 01/18/2018	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 08/13/2018	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 08/27/1998	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 01/01/2014	

**Records Reviewed: 18**

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

Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 08/17/2016	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 10/20/2003	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 01/05/2015	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 08/08/2016	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 08/10/2018	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 05/30/2017	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 18**

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

**Comment**

Director provided two file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

**Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center.

**Comment**

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

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

**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.