



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/20/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 1:30 PM

Departure: 3:55 PM

CCLC-4026

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Quality Rated: No

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
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| 11/20/2018 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |
| 05/15/2018 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |
| 11/15/2017 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |

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.

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 | 2 | C | 23 | C | NA | NA | Free Play | |
| Main | B Left Back-Right Hallway | | 2 | 0 | C | 31 | C | NA | NA | Transitioning | |
| Main | C Mid Back-Right Hallway | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over | 3 | 8 | C | 26 | C | NA | NA | Outside | |
| Main | D Right Back-Left Hallway | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds | 3 | 3 | C | 27 | C | NA | NA | Nap | |
| Main | Front Left-Left Hallway | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2 | 4 | C | 19 | C | NA | NA | Nap, Transitioning | |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: | | | 126 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: | | | 0 | | |
| Total # Children this Date: | | | 17 | | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: | | | 126 | | |
| | | | | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: | | | 0 | | |

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

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow up from the previous visit on May 15, 2018.

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.

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

Melanie Montanaro, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

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| Activities and Equipment |
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591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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| Facility |
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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 observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/29/2018

Corrected on 11/20/2018

.26(8) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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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)**Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 17**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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| Staff # 1 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/15/2014 | |
| Staff # 2 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/07/2018 | |
| Staff # 3 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/01/2012 | |
| Staff # 4 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 06/03/2002 | |
| Staff # 5 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/10/2018 | |
| Staff # 6 | Met |
| Staff # 7 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/02/2018 | |
| Staff # 8 | Met |

Records Reviewed: 17

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 01/18/2018

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 08/13/2018

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 08/27/1998

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 01/01/2014

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 08/17/2016

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 10/20/2003

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 01/05/2015

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 08/08/2016

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 08/10/2018

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 05/30/2017

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 17

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

Comment

The director provided five files for staff hired since the last visit. Criminal record checks were observed to be correct.

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| 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.

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

Comment

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