



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 8/6/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 11:30 AM

**CCLC-50207**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<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.
08/06/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/16/2020	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
06/16/2020	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	

**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-Infant	Infants	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	B-Infant		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 1 (C)	One Year Olds	2	13	C	17	C	NA	NA	Story,Circle Time
Main	Room 2 (D)	PreK	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 3(E)	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 4(F)		0	0	C	15	C	22	C	
Main	Room 5(G)		0	0	C	18	C	26	C	
Main	Room 6-(H)	Two Year Olds	2	19	C	18	NC	26	C	Centers
Main	Room 7(I)	PreK	2	18	C	25	C	35	C	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 145			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations				
Total # Children this Date: 81			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 145			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 145				
						Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant- Right Front	11	C
Main	PG A- Left Playground	62	C
Main	PG B- Center Playground	26	C
Main	PG C- Right Playground	36	C

### Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on August 6, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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/RuleAndRegulations.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](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.

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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### 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)**

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12(3) - The consultant discussed with the director to ensure chairs were not stacked in classrooms when children were present and active.

**Correction Deadline: 8/6/2020**

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 1/17/2020**

**Corrected on 8/6/2020**

.08(1) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that children's files were observed to contain all required information on this date.

### Facility

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<b>591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

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<b>591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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<b>591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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<b>591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

<b>Food Service</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.15 Food Service &amp; Nutrition</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Correction Deadline: 1/9/2020**

**Corrected on 8/6/2020**

**.15(4) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that staff stated that infants were strapped in feeding chairs during feedings during the virtual walk through on this date.**

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas &amp; Practices(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

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<b>591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Hand washing requirements were discussed with the Director on this date.

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<b>591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

<b>Safety</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.05 Animals</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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<b>591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**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.

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Routine transportation had been suspended due to the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020. Routine school transportation resumed on August 3, 2020 when Columbia County schools began. The director stated that the driver and children were wearing masks. The children were seated one per seat in the vehicle. The vehicle was cleaned and disinfected after each trip. Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form, and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Correction Deadline: 1/23/2020**

**Corrected on 8/6/2020**

**.36(3)(a-b) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that the director and staff participating in transportation had documentation of current completion of the two-hour transportation training, as required.**

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 17**

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

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 10/17/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 09/23/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 06/30/2020	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 07/30/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 11/11/2019	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 02/19/2019	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 10/21/2019	

Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 07/31/2019	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 07/31/2019	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 02/14/2019	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 08/19/2019	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 08/29/2019	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 05/06/2019	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 01/23/2019	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 10/07/2019	
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 12/04/2019	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5**

<b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

<b>591-1-1-.33 Staff Training</b>	<b>Defer</b>
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**Correction Deadline: 2/8/2020****Corrected on 8/6/2020****.33(3) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that staff with direct care responsibilities had documentation of completing the Health and Safety Orientation Training within 90 days of hire, as required.****Defer**

591-1-1-.33(5)- A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

**Correction Deadline: 2/8/2020**

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****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 May 12, 2020.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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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 during the virtual visit.