



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/3/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 12:45 PM **Departure:** 4:45 PM

CCLC-9054

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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.
09/03/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/28/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
04/11/2019	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	Room A-FR	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	26	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap, Lunch
Main	Room B-FL	PreK	1	18	C	27	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room C-2R	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room D-Back		0	0	C	22	C	30	C	
Main	Room E-Middle	Infants	3	16	C	29	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play, Diapering
Main	Room F-2L		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 142						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 150				
Total # Children this Date: 57			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 142			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 150				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infants - Toddlers	8	C
Main	School - Age	36	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a licensing study visit and to follow-up to previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/03/2019

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

Pamila Davis, 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-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(2) - Please ensure that lesson plans are posted.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2019

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)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Please ensure that the bathrooms are clean daily and as needed.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on consultant observation that in the Prek classroom clubroom wipes and hand sanitizer was observed to be on the desk accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2019

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2019

Corrected on 9/3/2019

.25(3) - Previous citation was corrected.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on consultant observation that swings and playground equipments had less the 6 inch required resilient surface.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2019

Food Service

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

Met

Comment

Ensure menu are posted.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2019

Corrected on 9/3/2019

.10(4) - Previous citation was corrected.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2019

Corrected on 9/3/2019

.17(8) -Previous citation was corrected.

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

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Consultant discussed with the director keeping the vehicle clean and ensuring that the seats lock where the seats don't move.

Correction Deadline: 9/4/2019**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(4)(c) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that every vehicle have a working fire extinguisher.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2019**Correction Deadline: 2/26/2019****Corrected on 9/3/2019****.36(7)(d)2. -Previous citation was corrected.**

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 11**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/12/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 10/04/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 07/30/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 05/23/2018	
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 10

Met

Staff # 11

Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) - Consultant discussed with director and staff staying in the classroom with children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2019