



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 11/1/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:00 AM **Departure:** 10:30 AM

**CCLC-36303**

**Cornerstone Children's Center**

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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.
11/01/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/19/2021	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/19/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
			<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.

**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-INF COLTS	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Centers
Main	B-INF LAMBS	Infants	3	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap,Centers
Main	C-1YR CUBS	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D-2YR OWLS	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E-4-5 YRS HORSES	Four Year Olds	2	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers,Art
Main	F-3 YR BEARS	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers,Art
Main	G-3YRS-GAZELLES	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers,Floor Play
Main	H-5-12YRS LIONS	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	8	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	I-2YR SHEEP		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 154			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 72			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-FR-0-4 YRS	53	C
Main	B-BK 5-12 YEARS	63	C

### Comments

Due to COVID-19 an in person visit was not completed. The administrative review was completed on 11-01-2021 and the virtual visit was completed on 11-03-2021. The center director stated medication is administered, no field trips are provided and routine transportation is provided. The center director stated there is a total of 24 staff with 3 of the staff being a new hire.

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/Regulations.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



### Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

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)

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)

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Diane Born, Program Official

Date

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Connie Boatright, Consultant

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

Met

**Comment**

The consultant observed current lesson plans.

**Correction Deadline: 11/1/2021**

**Comment**

The consultant observed a variety of age appropriate activities through out the center.

**Correction Deadline: 11/1/2021**

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

Met

**Comment**

Toys and equipment were observed to be clean and in good repair.

#### 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: 2**

Child # 1

Met

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers

Child # 3

Not Met

**Records Reviewed: 5**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers

Child # 4

Met

Child # 5

Met

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

**Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.08(1) - The center director will ensure that all child enrollment packets are thoroughly completed upon enrollment.

**Correction Deadline: 11/1/2021**

<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Met**

**Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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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.

<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

**Comment**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk  
5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk  
2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://decal.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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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 observed throughout the center.

**Correction Deadline: 4/29/2021**

**Corrected on 11/1/2021**

**.17(3) - The previous citation is observed to be corrected on this date.**

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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****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.21(3) - The center director will ensure that fire drills are conducted monthly and recorded.

**Correction Deadline: 11/8/2021**

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**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**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)****Met****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Comment**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 24****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/24/2015

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 10/13/2020

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 06/03/2013

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 09/07/2013

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 08/16/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 08/22/2016

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 10/25/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 03/01/2021	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 08/01/2013	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 10/19/2020	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/20/2019	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 08/19/2019	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 04/22/2021	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 02/10/2016	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 10/01/2014	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 10/07/2019	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 08/10/2020	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 08/07/2017	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 05/23/2019	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 10/01/2020	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 06/03/2018	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 01/13/2020	Met



Staff # 23

Met

Date of Hire: 01/13/2020

Staff # 24

Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/2021

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided 3 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

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

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

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**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)****Met****Comment**

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