



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

**Date:** 2/10/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:30 AM

**Departure:** 10:30 AM

**CCLC-2005**

**Saint John Child Development 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.  <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.
02/10/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/05/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/12/2021	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	Downstairs - Pre-K		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Downstairs 1L		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 10	Four Year Olds	2	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room 11		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 12		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 13A	Infants	2	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	Room 13B	Infants	2	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room 14	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room 16 School Age		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 17	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room 18	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room 19	One Year Olds	2	8	C	9	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	Room 20	One Year Olds	1	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 185						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 56			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 185			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Large	125	C
Main	Small	20	C

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on February 10, 2022. Staff files, children’s files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on February 10, 2022 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/10/2022

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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Dana Kirisits, Program Official

Date

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LaToya Longshore, 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-.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-.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 observation in Room 14, hand sanitizer was accessible to children on the side of the hand washing sink.

#### 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: 2/10/2022**

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

Met

#### Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

### 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**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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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**

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

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

**Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 21**

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

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Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 06/03/2019

Staff # 2 Met

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 04/19/2021

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 06/03/2020

Staff # 5 Met

**Records Reviewed: 21**

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

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Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 06/03/2019	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 06/03/2019	
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 07/10/1996	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 06/11/2019	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 06/03/2019	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 06/03/2019	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 01/10/2015	
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 02/03/2020	
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 06/03/2019	
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 06/03/2019	
Staff # 21	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<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**

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