



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

Date: 7/13/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

CCLC-1624

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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.
07/13/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/01/2021	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/04/2021	Incident Investigation Closure	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	1st Back Right		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Main	1st Front Right		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	1st Left Rear	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	2nd Back Right	Infants	2	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding, Nap
Main	2nd Front Right	One Year Olds	1	4	C	19	C	NA	NA	Story, Free Play
Main	2nd Left Rear	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	12	C	24	C	NA	NA	Field Trip
Main	3rd Left Rear		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	4th Left Rear		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	5th Rear		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	Left Front	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	33	C	NA	NA	Centers

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 187

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 40

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 187

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- Left Side	71	C
Main	PG-Center Rear/Right Area	100	C
Main	PG-Right Side	25	C

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on July 13, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic



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

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)

Tiffany Futo, Program Official

Date

Melyn Smith, Consultant

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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) **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.

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) **Met**

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute and remove the small patches of grass located in the resilient surfacing.

Health and Hygiene

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**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****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. The Director stated that redirection was primarily used in the Center.

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

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)3. - The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure the arrival time to the center at the end of the routine transportation route was documented, as one was not documented for the end of routine transportation from Riverside Elementary during the week of May 10, 2021.

Correction Deadline: 7/14/2021**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 18****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2016

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2021

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

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 04/19/2021

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

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 01/11/1999

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 06/28/2021

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

Staff # 6

Met

Records Reviewed: 18**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 11/01/2019

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 05/26/2021

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

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2019

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 07/08/2021

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

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 03/15/1993

Staff # 11

Met

Date of Hire: 07/18/2016

Staff # 12

Met

Date of Hire: 08/04/2020

Staff # 13

Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2019

Staff # 14

Met

Date of Hire: 07/19/2021

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

Staff # 15

Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2019

Staff # 16

Met

Date of Hire: 11/27/2017

Staff # 17

Met

Date of Hire: 08/07/2019

Staff # 18

Met

Date of Hire: 05/26/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided seven files for employees hired since last visit.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date during the virtual walk through.