



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

Date: 2/16/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 12:15 PM

Departure: 1:45 PM

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Quality Rated: No

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.
02/16/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/11/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
10/29/2021	Complaint 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 1st Rm-Infront Hallway	Infants	1	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B Lt Rm Rt Side	One Year Olds	1	8	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C Lt Rm-Lt Side	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	33	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D Rt Right Hall	Three Year Olds	2	28	C	48	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E Rt Rm-Lt Side	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	36	C	38	C	NA	NA	Centers
					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 161	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 96			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 161			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG 2 year	98	C
Main	PG Infant	41	C
Main	PG-3/4 years	86	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/16/2022

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.decal.ga.gov/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



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.decal.ga.gov/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov

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@decal.ga.gov.

- 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://decal.ga.gov/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)

Jefflyn Brannon, Program Official

Date

Laura Swann, Consultant

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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

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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 that the following hazards were accessible to children:

Under the handwashing sink in an unlocked cabinet were "Lysol" wipes.

Salt was in an unlocked brown storage drawer.

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: 2/16/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that in classroom A the handwashing sink faucet handle was not attached. Further, in classroom E the light cover was missing in the first bathroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2022

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Please continue to monitor the bottom of fencing on all playgrounds to ensure there are no gaps between 3 1/2" X 9" which pose an entrapment hazard.

Correction Deadline: 2/16/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Remove all broken equipment off the playground.

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2022

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Please continue to monitor resilient surfacing daily to ensure the required amount is present in fall zones.

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation the following hazards were present:

The left side playground had the following hazards:

Exposed tree roots near the back fencing posed a tripping hazard.

Black mats used under swings/fall zones were not flush with the ground posing a tripping hazard.

White pipe landscape border was not attached leaving an 8 x 8 opening posing an entrapment hazard.

Middle playground:

Exposed tree roots along the back left corner posed a tripping hazard.

There was one active ant bed.

Right side playground:

The second wooden post under the shaded awing had exposed concrete that posed a tripping hazard.

A gully that measured 9" L X 10" D posed a falling hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2022

Food Service

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

Met

Comment

Infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

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

Please ensure that all food items are stored in airtight containers.

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****Correction Deadline: 11/8/2021****Corrected on 2/16/2022****.17(2) - Correction observed on this date. Children were changed before they left the center for the day.**

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that all buses had trash throughout the vehicles (paper, water bottles, candy wrappers). Further, it was observed on the Bus ending in tag #2990 seats were torn with foam exposed throughout the vehicle.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 17****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/09/2021

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 09/02/2011

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 01/13/2020

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 03/03/2021

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 09/25/2021

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 03/15/2013

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 09/25/2016

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 09/04/2019

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 02/29/2020

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 01/30/2020

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 11/18/2016

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 02/25/2018

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 05/04/2021

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 01/14/2021

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 01/24/2022

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 11/11/2021

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 09/25/2019

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.

Comment

Director provided 2 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(3) - Please check all first aid kits on the vehicles to ensure the required supplies are included and expired items are removed and replaced.

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2022

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2021

Corrected on 2/16/2022

.33(5) - Correction observed on this date. 2021 training hours were completed.

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.