



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/8/2020 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 8:55 AM **Departure:** 11:50 AM

CCLC-50193

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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. 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.
01/08/2020	POI Follow Up	Deficient	
12/09/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
12/09/2019	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Support	

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 1L		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	B 1R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	6	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	C Back		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	D 2L		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building capacity limited by Centers Request			
Total # Children this Date: 6			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A	28	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a plan of improvement follow-up and to follow up on the previous visit conducted on December 9, 2019.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 01/22/2020

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

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)



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.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

Pang (Hannah) Gentry, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 3	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(2)-Immunization	

Child # 6	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(2)-Immunization	

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.08(2) requires Center Staff to maintain a file for each child that includes evidence of age-appropriate immunizations or a signed affidavit against such immunizations for each child enrolled in the center on a form approved by the Department, and to allow no child to continue enrollment in the Center for more than thirty (30) days without such evidence. It was determined based on a review of records that child #3, enrolled in October 2019, and child #6, enrolled in October 2019, did not have evidence of age-appropriate immunizations on this date.

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Correction Deadline: 1/10/2020

Recited on 1/8/2020

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the back portion of the fence on Playground A measured three (3) feet and eight (8) inches not meeting the four (4) feet high requirement.

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Correction Deadline: 1/31/2020

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 observation that playground A had a four (4) foot in height green and tan climbing structure on the concrete with no resilient surface.

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Correction Deadline: 1/8/2020

Recited on 1/8/2020

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 that the following hazards were observed on Playground A:

- Overgrown weeds throughout the playground area.
- Fallen pine needles and leaf build up throughout the playground area.
- Vines have grown through the back portion of the fence.

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Correction Deadline: 1/10/2020

Recited on 1/8/2020

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that the provider was unable to produce emergency drills for December of 2019.

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2020

Recited on 1/8/2020

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2019

Corrected on 1/8/2020

.09(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Criminal record checks were observed to be complete for current staff.

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2019

Corrected on 1/8/2020

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Criminal record checks were observed to be complete for current staff.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.33(1) requires all Employees and Provisional Employees to receive Initial Center orientation prior to assignment to children or task. It was determined based on review of records that staff member #1 hired October 1, 2018 did not have evidence of receiving initial center orientation prior to taking on the responsibilities required of the center director.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2020

Recited on 1/8/2020

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety training at the time of employment that will count toward required annual training: Staff employed prior to September 30, 2016 will complete the training by December 29, 2016 and Staff employed after September 30, 2016 will complete the health and safety training within the first 90 days of employment. It was determined based on review of staff records, staff member #1 hired October 1, 2018 did not complete the required health and safety orientation training within 90 days of their date of hire.

Correction Deadline: 1/10/2020

Recited on 1/8/2020

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2019

Corrected on 1/8/2020

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed children to be supervised at all times during the visit on this date.