



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 1/14/2019    **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 8:55 AM    **Departure:** 12:30 PM

**CCLC-26195**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			<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.
01/14/2019	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/14/2019	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
11/13/2018	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	A- Ones	One Year Olds	3	19	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B Back- Older Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Story
Main	B Front- Young Infants	Infants	2	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	C Back- Twos	Two Year Olds	2	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	C Front- Twos	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	4	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Circle Time
Main	D- 3's & 4's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	28	C	36	C	50	C	Art, Centers
Main	E- Preschool/After School	PreK	2	20	C	35	C	50	C	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 165					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 194					
Total # Children this Date: 119					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 194					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- Left	53	C
Main	PG- Left Front	18	C
Main	PG- Right	91	C

**Comments**

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/RuleAndRegulations.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@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)



#### 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.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)

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### Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

### Activities and Equipment

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

**Not Met**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined, based on observation, that two wooden chairs were observed loose and not sturdy located at the small wooden table in Room C Front-Twos. It was further determined that a vinyl floor covering located in front of the sink was observed to have tears, which prevented the vinyl from being thoroughly cleaned and sanitized in Room Back-Older Infants on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

**Correction Deadline: 1/14/2019**

**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)**

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(11) - Please ensure all rugs are smooth and not curled in all classrooms, which could pose as a potential tripping hazard.

**Correction Deadline: 2/13/2019**

**Correction Deadline: 11/13/2018**

**Corrected on 1/14/2019**

**.25(13) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that no hazards were observed accessible to children on this date.**

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please remove or repair the one tricycle lacking a pedal on the Right Playground.

**Correction Deadline: 1/24/2019**

**Food Service**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/13/2018**

**Corrected on 1/14/2019**

**.15(6)(b) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that individual bowls and plates were observed used for meals on this date.**

**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**

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

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Correction Deadline: 11/13/2018**

**Corrected on 1/14/2019**

**.30(1)(b)1 - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that all mats were observed to be of sound construction and in good repair on this date.**

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided three files for employees hired 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.