



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 3/3/2020    **VisitType:** POI Follow Up    **Arrival:** 12:00 PM    **Departure:** 2:00 PM

**CCLC-30186**

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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.
03/03/2020	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/17/2020	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
01/30/2020	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Deficient	

**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	Room A	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Free Play
Main	Room B	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	43	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Main	Room C-1R		0	0	C	44	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Nap, Transitioning
Main	Room D - 1L		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 104			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 18			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Back Area	54	C
Main	B-Side area 3-12yrs	38	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/03/2020

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](mailto: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](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

Stephanie Plummer, Program Official

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

### Children's Records

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

**Not Met**

**Correction Deadline: 1/30/2020**

**Corrected on 3/3/2020**

**.08(1) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the center obtained the required information on this date.**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.08(6) requires the Center to maintain records of a child's daily arrival and departure for the twelve (12) preceding months that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent documents, in written or electronic format, each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the child. The documentation shall include at least the date, the child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person at the time of arrival and departure. These records shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. It was determined based on review of records that three of seven children were signed in for pre-k classroom, one of six children signed in the toddler classroom, and none of the six children in the preschool classroom were signed in.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will maintain arrival and departure records as required, will ensure the documentation includes all of the required information, and will provide the records to the Department when requested.

**Correction Deadline: 3/3/2020**

**Recited on 3/3/2020**

### Facility

**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 1/30/2020**

Corrected on 3/3/2020

.25(13) - Previous citation observed corrected in that no hazardous items were observed accessible on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2020

Corrected on 3/3/2020

.25(3) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the center made the needed repairs as required.

## Organization

591-1-1-.37 Inspections & Investigations

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2020

Corrected on 3/3/2020

.37(b) - Previous citation observed corrected in that center staff had access to all records on this date.

## Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2020

Corrected on 3/3/2020

.27 - Previous citation observed corrected in that the center posted all required notices as required.

## Staff Records

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

Met

### Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/29/2020

Corrected on 3/3/2020

.14(1) - Previous citation observed corrected in that 50% of the caregiver Staff have completed this training on this date.

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2020

Corrected on 3/3/2020

.24(2) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the center had access to personnel records on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2020

Corrected on 3/3/2020

.33(3) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the employee had completed the required training.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2020

Corrected on 3/3/2020

.31(1)(a) - Previous citation observed corrected the center has a designated person available on this date.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2020

Corrected on 3/3/2020

.32(2) - Previous citation observed corrected in that appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2020

Corrected on 3/3/2020

.32(4) - Previous citation observed corrected in that appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

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

Met

**Comment**

Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with center staff on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2020

Corrected on 3/3/2020

.32(7) - Previous citation observed corrected in that adequate supervision was observed on this date.