



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/21/2017 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:15 AM **Departure:** 9:50 AM

CCLC-46182

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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.
03/21/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/13/2016	Initial Licensing Study	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 1606	A	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Breakfast
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			12		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Preschool bldg	B	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			25		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 10			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 37		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main 1606	Playground	21	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and follow-up to the previous visit on October 13, 2016.

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).

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O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(j)(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)

Angela Bennett, Program Official

Date

Twylah Tyner, Consultant

Date



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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-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

No Swimming Activities Provided

Evening Care

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

Met

Comment

Center not observed during evening hours of care.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Reminder-Keep Hazards Inaccessible

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

Met

Comment

Observation-Clean/Good Repair

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff Stated Proper Knowledge

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) Met

Comment

Observed-Staff Remind Children Wash Hand

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

Comment

Observed-Complete Documentation

Safety

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

Comment

Observed-Positive Learning Environment

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) Met

Comment

No Field Trips at This Time

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

Comment

Observed-Complete Documentation

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR) Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed-SIDS/Infant Sleeping Position

Technical Assistance

Monitor mats for tears and replace as needed

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR) Met

Comment

Criminal Records Check complete

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

Correction Deadline: 10/23/2016

Corrected on 3/21/2017

Previous citation observed to be completed on this date. First aid kit in the van was complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2016

Corrected on 3/21/2017

Previous citation observed to be corrected. Staff completed required ten hours of annual training.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

Observed-Appropriate Staff:Child Ratios

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

Met

Comment

Observed-Direct Supervision/Attentive Staff