



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/22/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 4:00 PM **Departure:** 5:30 PM

CCLC-3555

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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.
07/22/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/17/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/12/2019	Monitoring Visit	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-Right Side-Infants	Infants	1	4	C	6	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B- Upstairs-2 y/o	One Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C- 3 y/o Upstairs-Left side	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	22	C	Nap,Not In Use
Main	D-Center-Upstairs-2.5 -3 y/o- Rear		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E-Downstairs-Front Room		0	0	C	15	C	21	C	Transitioning,Not In Use
Main	F-Downstairs-Rt Side-EXEMPT		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G-Downstairs-Back Area	Six Year Olds and Over	1	7	C	13	C	18	C	Transitioning
					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 96				
Total # Children this Date: 26			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 96		Building @25 capacity limited by Health Department Limitations		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

Administrative Review completed July 22, 2020.
 Virtual Visit Completed August 3, 2020.

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).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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.

- 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

Pauline Hunt, Program Official

Date

Roslyn Williams, 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 via virtual visit due to COVID 19 restrictions.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

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 via virtual visit due to COVID 19 restrictions.

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

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained via virtual visit due to COVID 19 restrictions.

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair via virtual visit due to COVID 19 restrictions.

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: 9/17/2019

Corrected on 7/22/2020

.17(7) - The previous citation was corrected.

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2019

Corrected on 7/22/2020

.17(8) - The previous citation was corrected.

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

Met

Comment

No medication dispensed.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation due to COVID 19 restrictions.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed via virtual visit due to COVID 19 restrictions.

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-.24 Personnel Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2019

Corrected on 7/22/2020

.24(1) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed the required documentation on file for current staff.

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 via virtual visit due to COVID 19 restrictions.

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs via virtual visit due to COVID 19 restrictions.