



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/12/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 1:40 PM

CCLC-31191

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Quality Rated: ★

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.
08/12/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/17/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
05/29/2019	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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-1 Crawler/6wk-12mo	Infants and One Year Olds	2	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
Main	A2-Wee Toddler A-12-18 mo		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	A3-Toddler 2yrs	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	23	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	A4-3A Preschool	PreK	2	22	C	23	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	A5- 4A -Preschool - 4 years		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	A5-4A Preschool-4 yrs	Six Year Olds and Over	1	15	C	23	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	A6-School-age		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B1-Infant 6wk-6mo		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B2-Wee Toddler 18-24 mo		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B3 - 3B - Toddler 24-30 mo		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B4 Preschool 3B	One Year Olds	2	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	B5 - Preschool 4B	Two Year Olds	2	20	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	B6-4C		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 267					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 96					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A1 6wk-12mo	21	C

Main	A2 2-12 yrs	28	C
Main	B1 6wks-1 yr	25	C
Main	B2 2-12 yr	58	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/12/2019

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.

- 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

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety in the B4 Preschool classroom.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable. Consultant discussed with the director and staff member to ensure that the fish tank is secured as required if it is planned on being used in the A3 toddler classroom.

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked on this date. Center does not provide swimming activities at this time as stated by the director.

Facility

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2019

Corrected on 8/12/2019

Correction of citation in that the license capacity was observed to be met on this date.

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

Please ensure that walls and borders are free of splintered wood and chipped paint in the following classrooms: A3, A4, 4A, A6, B4 and B1.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2019

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure exposed tree roots are painted as to avoid tripping hazards on the B2 playground which was not in use at this time.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.17(6) requires garbage and organic waste to be stored in containers that are lined with plastic liners and have tight-fitting covers. Trash and garbage shall be removed from the building daily or as often as necessary to maintain the premises in a clean condition. It was determined based on observation trash cans did not have tight-fitting covers throughout the center as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide the required containers and implement a plan to ensure that trash and garbage are taken out daily, or more often, if needed.

Correction Deadline: 8/13/2019

Recited on 8/12/2019

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete on this date.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

A current and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date. Vehicles ending with license plates X8315, W2040, and QM531 had completed inspections on May 29, 2019. The director reported that vehicle with license plate ending in B8694 was not in use as the engine was not in working order. The center also purchased a new vehicle, 2019 Starcraft Prodigy LP which was delivered today, August 12, 2019.

Comment

The vehicles used in routine transportation had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2019

Corrected on 8/12/2019

Correction of citation in that the first checks of vehicles used in transporting children were observed to be complete on this date as required.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on a review of records the second check was not documented as being conducted upon arrival and departure on June 21, 2019 when children were transported on a field trip to Regal Cinemas and transported back to the center. The second check was not documented as being conducted upon arrival and departure on June 27, 2019 when children were transported to Urban Air McDonough and back to the center as required. Additionally, the second check was not documented as being conducted upon arrival of children being transported during routine afterschool transportation from Ola Elementary on August 8, 2019.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 8/12/2019

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position on this date.

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 which was completed on May 29, 2019.

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

Correction Deadline: 4/4/2019

Corrected on 8/12/2019

Correction of citation in that the employee completed the finger print clearance as required on April 4, 2019 and obtained a satisfactory comprehensive background check from the Department. The staff member was not hired back at the center until June 1, 2019 as reported by the director.

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591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.