



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 10/14/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 11:25 AM

**Departure:** 12:55 PM

**CCLC-50218**

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**Quality Rated:** No

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                  |               | <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. |
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| 10/14/2020                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |  |
| 10/23/2019                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |  |
| 06/06/2019                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |  |

  

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| <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. |

**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's          | Infants and One Year Olds | 2                               | 8        | C                             | 16                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap, Floor Play    |
| Main                            | B - 6wks- 12mths | One Year Olds             | 2                               | 12       | C                             | 10                            | NC           | NA         | NA           | Nap                |
| Main                            | C - 2's          | Two Year Olds             | 1                               | 5        | C                             | 11                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                |
| Main                            | D - 2's          | Two Year Olds             | 1                               | 8        | C                             | 11                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                |
| Main                            | E - 4's          | PreK                      | 2                               | 22       | C                             | 22                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Art, Transitioning |
| Main                            | F - 4's          |                           | 0                               | 0        | C                             | 22                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use         |
| Main                            | G - 5 and up     | Six Year Olds and Over    | 1                               | 12       | C                             | 27                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Homework           |
| Main                            | I - 3's          | Three Year Olds           | 1                               | 16       | C                             | 16                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                |
| Main                            | J - 3's          |                           | 0                               | 0        | C                             | 16                            | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use         |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 151 |                  |                           |                                 |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |                               |              |            |              |                    |
| Total # Children this Date: 83  |                  |                           | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 151 |          |                               | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |              |            |              |                    |

| Building | Playground                  | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Playground A - (Right Side) | 27                   | C                     |
| Main     | Playground B - (Back)       | 56                   | C                     |
| Main     | Playground C - (Left Side)  | 45                   | C                     |

## Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on October 14, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, transportation documents, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on October 16, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection. A copy of the COVID-19 Checklist was reviewed and sent to the Director.

An amendment application was sent to the Director to remove capacity limitations on classroom A due to cribs, as classroom A and B have now switched.

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.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.

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### 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.

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**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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Kathryn Pitts-McGreggor, Program Official

Date

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

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| <b>Activities and Equipment</b> |
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**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

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

**Comment**

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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| <b>Children's Records</b> |
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**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

**Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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| <b>Facility</b> |
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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**Comment**

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

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**Comment**

School age and preschool playgrounds observed clean and in good repair. Toddler playground was not able to be observed due to poor reception during the Virtual Visit and will be evaluated during the next regulatory visit.

**Food Service**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**

**Met**

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Provider on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Observed handwashing. Hand washing requirements for were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date who stated that redirection is used.

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

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)3 - Discussed ensuring that sheets are available for all children and extras are available for back-up.

**Correction Deadline: 10/14/2020**

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| <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.

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(4) - Discussed four (4) hour food prep training requirement with the Director.

**Correction Deadline: 11/13/2020**

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

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020.

**Correction Deadline: 10/14/2020**

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| <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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.