



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/24/2019 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation **Arrival:** 8:40 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM
 Follow Up

CCLC-48968

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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.
10/24/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
10/24/2019	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
08/02/2019	Licensing Study	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	Room A - Older Infants	Infants	1	5	C	5	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room B - 2 year olds	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room C - Toddlers	One Year Olds	2	12	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room D - Infants	Infants	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play, Feeding
Main	Room E - 1 year olds	One Year Olds	1	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room F - School-Age		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room G - 3 year olds	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room H - 4 year olds	Four Year Olds	1	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 102					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 70			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 102			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	78	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is a follow up visit in conjunction with a complaint investigation.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/24/2019

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.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.

- 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

Courtney Lane, Program Official

Date

Beth Houtz, Consultant

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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that in Classroom F there were two white cabinets stacked on top of one another that were not secured and are of a height and weight that posed a falling hazard to children in care. Three bin shelves with yellow and green bins in them were also of a height and weight to pose a falling hazard to children in care. Additionally, in Classroom G there was one white bin holder that was not secured and was of a height and weight to pose a falling hazard to children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will remove the shelves in Classroom F and replace them with shorter shelves. In Classroom G the center will secure the shelves to ensure they do not pose a falling hazard.

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2019

Recited on 10/24/2019

Facility

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

Defer

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591-1-1-.25(3)- This citation is deferred to allow the building owners, whom the center leases from, time to replace the outside door. The consultant discussed with the director about covering the hole with waterproof tape so that the rust and sharp edges are not exposed. The consultant observed the rotten wood of the outside molding around the door to be replaced.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will repair the hole and rotten wood to ensure the safety of the children in care.

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2019

Correction Deadline: 9/1/2019

Corrected on 10/24/2019

.25(6) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The center has added twelve (12) additional cubbies for use.

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2019

Corrected on 10/24/2019

.25(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The door was observed to be bolted shut.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2019

Corrected on 10/24/2019

.30(1)(a)2 - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The center has purchased new mattresses.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - The consultant discussed with the director about ensuring the rest mats stored in classroom E are covered to prevent children's access to them during play time.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2019