



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/5/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:05 AM **Departure:** 3:15 PM

CCLC-1126

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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.
03/05/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/20/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/04/2018	POI 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	1L	Infants	1	5	C	28	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding,Diapering
Main	1R	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	2L	One Year Olds	1	8	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Lunch,Transitioning
Main	2R	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	3 R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	24	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	4 R	PreK	1	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Back Middle		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	Cafe		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 192						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 53			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 192			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A	20	C
Main	PG B	143	C
Main	PG C	42	C

Comments

Please remember that staff with a national background check must be supervised at all time by a staff member with a comprehensive background check and cannot be left by themselves.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 03/19/2019

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/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

Harry Patel, Program Official

Date

Dianne Clarke, Consultant

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

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.

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

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

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Not Met**

Finding
 591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the fence between playground B and C was observed to have a gap at the top in the third section creating an entrapment hazard.

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Correction Deadline: 3/5/2019
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Correction Deadline: 9/30/2018
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Corrected on 3/5/2019

.26(8) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the surface was observed to be adequate. Discussed regarding ensuring to re-fluff and redistribute especially due to the rain.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the concrete surface was observed to have a crack creating a tripping hazard on playground B.

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Correction Deadline: 3/26/2019
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Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 03/05/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 09/27/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 02/06/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 04/18/2018	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 03/03/2009	
Staff # 6	Not Met
Date of Hire: 08/06/2017	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.33(4)-1st Yr. Training 2 Hrs. (Abuse) Missing,.33(4)-1st Yr. Training 4 Hrs. Missing	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 10/26/2005	
Staff # 8	Not Met
Date of Hire: 09/11/2018	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 05/15/2013	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 01/21/2018	

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 11 Met
Date of Hire: 10/02/2018

Staff # 12 Met
Date of Hire: 12/13/2017

Staff # 13 Met
Date of Hire: 03/03/2009

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 13

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided four files for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of records that one staff did not have current evidence of CPR and First Aid on file.

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Correction Deadline: 4/4/2019

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.33(4) requires all Staff who provide any direct care to children, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers, to obtain ten (10) clock hours of training or instruction in child care issues from an accredited school or Department-approved source. At least six (6) of the clock hours must be divided as follows: four (4) clock hours of training in any of the following topics: disease control, cleanliness, basic hygiene, illness detection, illness disposition and childhood injury control and two (2) clock hours of training in identifying, reporting and meeting the needs of abused, neglected or deprived children. It was determined based on a review of records that one staff did not have evidence of their ten hours of their first year training completed.

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Correction Deadline: 3/26/2019

Recited on 3/5/2019

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Correction Deadline: 10/20/2018

Corrected on 3/5/2019

.33(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the staff is no longer employed.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2018

Corrected on 3/5/2019

.31(2)(b)2. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the staff is no longer a lead teacher and and new lead teacher was hired and has 6 months to enroll and 18 months from enrollment to complete.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.