



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Date:** 8/28/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 2:00 PM

**Departure:** 4:30 PM

**CCLC-1369**

**Candy Cane City Nursery School**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<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.  <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.
08/28/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/13/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/07/2018	Monitoring Visit	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
Bld II	G-1st upper rt		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Bld II	I-Bottom Right		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Bld II	Pre-K Lower(H-I)	PreK	4	22	C	53	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Bld II	Room F-lower right	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 90			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Green Bld	D	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Snack
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 16			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	1st right	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Story, Nap
Main	B 1st left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	13	C	7	NC	NA	NA	Snack, Diapering
Main	C-2nd left		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Diapering
Main	Cafeteria- 3rd left	Six Year Olds and Over	1	19	C	17	NC	NA	NA	Homework
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 88			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 154			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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## Comments

The consultant left a variance/waiver application on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/28/2019

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](mailto: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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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Gloria Fanning, Program Official

Date

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Laurel Benta, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

<b>Activities and Equipment</b>
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**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 the stove in the housekeeping area was not secured and could easily be pulled or pushed down in the Prek 3 classroom.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2019**

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on observation that 19 children were housed in the cafeteria which had a licensed capacity of 17 children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The consultant discussed options for maintaining compliance in the cafeteria. The consultant left a variance/waiver application with the director on this date. The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2019**

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<b>591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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<b>591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Correction Deadline: 2/27/2019**

**Corrected on 8/28/2019**

.26(4) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The gaps on the fence were repaired.

**Correction Deadline: 2/26/2019**

**Corrected on 8/28/2019**

.26(6) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed equipment to be painted.

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas &amp; Practices(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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<b>591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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<b>591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

<b>Safety</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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<b>591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)</b>	<b>Not Met</b>
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**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that the back of second to last passenger seat on the right side had a large rip that created a hole with exposed foam accessible to children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will repair the hole on the vehicle's seat. The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 9/4/2019**

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that three cribs had loose fitting sheets in the 1st left classroom.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2019**

**Recited on 8/28/2019**

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 9**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/15/2019**

**Corrected on 8/28/2019**

.33(3) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed health and safety orientation for the employee.

**Correction Deadline: 3/15/2019**

**Corrected on 8/28/2019**

.33(4) - The previous citation was corrected on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 3/15/2019**

Corrected on 8/28/2019

.33(6) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed ten hours for 2019 calendar year for the employee.

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

Met

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<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.