



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/18/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:10 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
04/18/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing
10/04/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/14/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing

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.

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- left side 1st left	PreK	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	B- Left side 2nd right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	C- Left side 1st right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Lunch
Main	D- ASP room		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E- Right side - 2nd right Left side of room	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	12	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	F- Second side 2nd right- Right side of room	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	23	C	23	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	G- Right side 1st right	PreK	2	21	C	26	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 123						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 87			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 123			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A- Left Side	20	C
Main	Playground B- Rear	94	C
Main	Playground C- Right Side	58	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study and follow up to the previous on October 4, 2018.

Background Check Action Plan Notice left with the center on this date.

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.dec.al.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@dec.al.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://dec.al.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.dec.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov

Julia Cato, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

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

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.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 22**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 09/04/2018

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 05/04/2018

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2016

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 07/22/2018

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2017

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 11/06/2017

Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 02/13/2019	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/13/2020	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 12/14/2017	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 08/14/2017	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/15/2006	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 07/19/2004	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 07/30/2018	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 03/04/2013	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 04/08/2019	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 08/19/2014	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 06/16/2014	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 06/27/2016	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 07/19/2004	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 10/02/2015	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 11/23/2015	Met

Staff # 22

Met

Date of Hire: 06/09/2014

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 22

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided two file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.