



**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:** 10/14/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 3:30 PM

**Departure:** 5:30 PM

**CCLC-147**

**The Sunshine House #64**

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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.
10/14/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/14/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/26/2019	Complaint Investigation 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	Left Side GA Pre-K		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room A: Right Side GA Pre K	PreK	2	20	C	47	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room B: Middle: Cubs	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	30	C	NA	NA	Snack, Floor Play
Main	Room C: 2R: Penguin	One Year Olds	1	7	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room D: 3R: Turtles	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room E: 4R: Dinosaurs		0	0	C	40	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room F: 2L: Gophers		0	0	C	31	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room G: 1L: Jelly Beans	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 208

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 56

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	42	C
Main	B	30	C
Main	C	53	C

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on October 14, 2020. Core Rules and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on October 16, 2020 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. New rules as of October 1, 2020 were discussed and emailed to the director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/16/2020

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](mailto: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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

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Demetria Kitchens, Program Official

Date

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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)****Met****Comment**

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed 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 at this time, per the director. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Center appears clean and well maintained on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on pictures and consultant's observation during the virtual visit, approximately two inches of mulch was underneath the fall zones surrounding the swing set and brown / green climbing structures on Playground B and Playground C instead of at least six inches of resilient surface which was required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

**Correction Deadline: 10/26/2020**

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

**Comment**

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) N/A**

**Comment**

The director stated the center currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**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.

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

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed between October 5, 2020 through October 14, 2020. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure an annual safety check for each vehicle used in transporting children is completed by a trained individual which should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. Please ensure all documents are legible for review and inspection by the Department.

**Correction Deadline: 10/19/2020**

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the director. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 13**

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

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 05/17/2019	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 11/06/2017	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 07/24/2017	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 01/30/2020	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 01/24/2020	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 03/08/2019	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 12/17/2018	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 11/08/2019	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 09/08/2020	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 08/12/2008	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 09/28/2020	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 11/14/2019	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 10/28/2019	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Comment**

Director provided two files for employees hired since last visit which was completed on May 14, 2020. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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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.

<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 on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.