



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 3/5/2021      **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit      **Arrival:** 9:00 AM      **Departure:** 10:15 AM

**CCLC-1578**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<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.
03/05/2021	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/26/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/10/2020	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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	Hippos-2R	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	21	C	30	C	Snack
Main	Jaguars-Back Left Private Kindergarten	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	KOALAS-1st Left-Infants	Infants	2	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Snack,Nap,Floor Play
Main	Lions-Back Right GA Pre-K	PreK	1	10	C	21	C	29	C	Snack,Centers
Main	Rhinos-4L	Two Year Olds	1	4	C	19	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	Tigers-2 Left 1 Yr.	One Year Olds	1	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Toucans-3 Left	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	Zebras-1R	Six Year Olds and Over	1	3	C	25	C	NA	NA	Homework

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 148

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 165

Total # Children this Date: 64

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 148

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 165

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/Toddler	34	C
Main	Preschool/School Age	61	C

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring visit and Complaint investigation. The visit was conducted on March 5, 2021. Children's files and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on March 5, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on February 15, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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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Debbie Kohout, Program Official

Date

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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)** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the provider to keep cleaning supplies out of reach of children.

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

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

#### Health and Hygiene

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

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed on this date.

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

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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**Safety**

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

**Comment**

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

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 13**

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

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 07/20/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 03/22/2016	
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 05/21/2007	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 09/18/2014	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 01/19/2019	
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 11/18/2010	

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Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 08/04/2020	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 04/12/2012	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 05/20/2020	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 03/23/2015	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6**

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

**Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Comment**

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

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

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.