



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 5/23/2019    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 8:30 AM    **Departure:** 12:30 PM

**CCLC-17564**

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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.
05/23/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/26/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/24/2018	Incident Investigation Closure	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	A- 1L	Infants	2	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap,Flo or Play
Main	B - 2L	One Year Olds	1	6	C	18	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	Back	PreK	4	27	C	36	C	50	C	Outside,Transitio ning
Main	C- 3L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	Cafeteria		0	0	C	43	C	NA	NA	
Main	D- 1R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	E - 2R	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	23	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	F - 3R	Four Year Olds and PreK	2	17	C	24	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	G - 4R	PreK	1	15	C	27	C	NA	NA	Story

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 233

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 247

Total # Children this Date: 105

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	C- Right Side	90	C
Main	Left front	27	C
Main	Left rear	93	C

**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/23/2019

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](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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Robert King, Jr., Program Official

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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)** **Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the window screen outside of Room 4R contained a hole measuring approximately three by five inches and the window screen outside of Room 3L contained a hole measuring approximately one by two inches.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 5/23/2019**

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**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 peeling paint was observed on the fence poles and gates on the following playground areas: C-Right Side, Left Front and Left Rear.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

**Correction Deadline: 5/23/2019****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the free-standing chalk board near the picnic tables on the rear playground is ripped and peeling exposing the cork surface underneath posing a potential hazard due to broken, ingestible pieces.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

**Correction Deadline: 6/2/2019****Correction Deadline: 9/26/2018****Corrected on 5/23/2019**

**.26(9) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as wood chips or "mulch" has been added between the hard and soft surface play areas of playgrounds Middle Rear A and Middle Rear B, no longer causing an uneven surface.**

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**Health and Hygiene**

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**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.

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**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Not Met****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 on bus PB2036, the third seat on the left row, was ripped measuring approximately one and a half inches, exposing the foam.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 5/24/2019**

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<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 9/26/2018****Corrected on 5/23/2019****.30(1)(a)3 - Previous citation was corrected on this date as sheets were observed to be tight fitting on 15 cribs.****Correction Deadline: 9/26/2018****Corrected on 5/23/2019****.30(2)(c) - Previous citation was corrected on this date as zero infants were observed asleep in a bouncy seat. Further, staff stated knowledge of placing infants on their backs to sleep in their individually marked cribs.**

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<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 30****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 01/19/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 09/04/2013	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/08/2016	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 03/16/2016	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 01/21/2019	
Staff # 6	Met

Date of Hire: 11/07/2013

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 03/29/2016

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 03/02/2017

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 10/06/2016

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 08/31/2017

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 10/03/2017

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 09/10/2018

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 08/31/2015

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 08/10/2010

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 05/05/2008

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2010

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 08/19/2014

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 03/20/2017

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 02/18/2019

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 03/21/2019

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 10/24/2005

**Records Reviewed: 30**

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

Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 01/11/2007	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 08/08/2016	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 02/15/2019	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 04/11/2006	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 08/07/2017	Met
Staff # 27 Date of Hire: 02/20/2019	Met
Staff # 28 Date of Hire: 08/08/2018	Met
Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 09/04/2018	Met
Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 07/31/2017	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 30**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

**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) Not Met**



**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(4)(b) allows children who turn three years old during the regular school year to remain with two year olds for the remainder of the school year but requires agreement from the older child's Parent(s) for the continued placement. It was determined based on review of records and observation that two, three-year old children (DOB 4/2/2016 and 1/20/2016) were housed with nine, two-year old children in Room 1R without documentation stating agreement from the older child's parent (s).

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will secure parental permission and keep it on file.

**Correction Deadline: 5/23/2019**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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