



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 9/29/2020    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 1:30 PM    **Departure:** 4:00 PM

**CCLC-1762**

**ABC Child Care Center #1**

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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.
09/29/2020	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/26/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/25/2019	Licensing Study	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	1-Front room	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	21	C	18	NC	NA	NA	Transitioning, Out side
Main	2- Back Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	13	C	18	C	Transitioning
Main	3- Back Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	4-upstairs PreK	PreK	2	19	C	20	C	28	C	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			65			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 78				
Total # Children this Date: 59			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 78				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back	31	C
Main	Front	26	C

**Comments**

An in person visit was conducted on this date. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020 was reviewed during the visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/29/2020

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.

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#### 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.

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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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Dedria Myers, Program Official

Date

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

### Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2020

Corrected on 9/29/2020

.12(2) - The previous citation has been corrected. The center has removed the cited items.

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

N/A

#### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

#### Comment

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

### Facility

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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 the center cared for 21 children in a room that has a license capacity for 18 children.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

**Correction Deadline: 9/29/2020**

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25 - Discussed with staff to ensure hand sanitizer bottles are not on low shelves and accessible to the children. The center will ensure any item that has "keep out of the reach of children" on the bottle is not accessible to the children.

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface on the preschool playground. Please fluff and redistribute.

**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 the temporary plastic orange fencing material in the corner of the preschool playground was leaning and measured 3 feet and 8 inches on this date. The wooden stake that was holding the plastic material was not secured and leaning.

**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 do a daily check to ensure the fencing material is secured until the new fence is installed.

**Correction Deadline: 10/9/2020**

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**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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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.

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**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 2/26/2020**

Corrected on 9/29/2020

.17(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The children were observed to wash their hands as required during the visit.

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

N/A

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**

Met

**Comment**

Program observed to complete emergency drills

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**Safety**

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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-.13 Field Trips(CR)**

N/A

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Defer

**Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

**Defer**

591-1-1-.36(6)-The public schools are closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The center is not providing school transportation at this time. This rule will be evaluated during the next visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will obtain the required written parental authorization.

**Correction Deadline: 2/26/2020**

**Defer**

591-1-1-.36(7)(b)-The public schools are closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The center is not providing school transportation at this time. This rule will be evaluated during the next visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

**Correction Deadline: 2/26/2020**

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Met

**Comment**

There are no infants enrolled at this center. The children mats and bedding was observed to stored as required. Discussed proper sanitation of mats.

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**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 11**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2**

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 04/26/2017	
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 06/16/2020	
Staff # 7	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training	
Staff # 8	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training	
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 08/26/2019	
Staff # 11	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5**

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<b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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<b>591-1-1-.33 Staff Training</b>	<b>Not Met</b>
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**Correction Deadline: 3/27/2020**

**Corrected on 9/29/2020**

**.33(3) - The previous citation has been corrected.**

**Finding**

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #7 and staff #8 did not complete the required 10 hours of training for the year 2019.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed. The center will ensure all required staff completes 10 hours of training by December 31, 2020.

**Correction Deadline: 12/31/2020**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/26/2020**

**Corrected on 9/29/2020**

**.32(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Observed appropriate staff: child ratios on this date.**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.