



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 5/12/2020    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 11:00 AM    **Departure:** 12:00 PM

**CCLC-17661**

**Meadowdale Learning Center - Houston Lake Road**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                  |               |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 05/12/2020                         | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |
| 11/15/2019                         | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |
| 05/02/2019                         | Monitoring Visit | 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 Pre-K 2       | Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over and PreK | 2                               | 17       | C    | 33                              | C            | 46         | C            | Outside                 |
| Main                            | B Pre-K 1       | Six Year Olds and Over                             | 1                               | 18       | C    | 18                              | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside                 |
| Main                            | C (3 Year Olds) | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds                 | 1                               | 15       | C    | 15                              | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap,Lunch,Transitioning |
| Main                            | D (3 Year Olds) |  | 0                               | 0        | C    | 12                              | C            | NA         | NA           |                         |
| Main                            | E (2 Year Olds) | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds                    | 1                               | 6        | C    | 20                              | C            | NA         | NA           | Centers                 |
| Main                            | F (1 Year Olds) | Two Year Olds                                      | 1                               | 10       | C    | 21                              | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside                 |
| Main                            | G (Infants)     | Infants and One Year Olds                          | 2                               | 9        | C    | 15                              | C            | NA         | NA           | Diapering,Floor Play    |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 134 |                 |  |                                 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 147 |              |            |              |                         |
| Total # Children this Date: 75  |                 |  | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 134 |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 147 |              |            |              |                         |

| Building | Playground                | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | Infant/Toddler Playground | 17                   | C                     |
| Main     | Large Playground          | 171                  | C                     |

### Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on May 12, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on June 16, 2020 with the director Mandy Goss. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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.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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Mandy Goss, Program Official

Date

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Charlene Story, Consultant

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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)**

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed.

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

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

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

Swimming rules discussed and ensuring gate is locked when swimming pool is not in use.

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Child # 1 | Met |
| Child # 2 | Met |
| Child # 3 | Met |
| Child # 4 | Met |

Child # 5

Met

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**Facility**

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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit

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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center by a virtual visit due to COVID-19 Pandemic on this date.

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

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed during a virtual walk through on this date

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical**

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

**Correction Deadline: 6/6/2020**

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/29/2019**

**Corrected on 5/12/2020**

**.26(4) - Citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Pictures of playground were sent to the consultant on May 11, 2020.**

**Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed during a virtual walk through on this date**

**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. A virtual visit was conducted due to COVID-19 pandemic on this date.

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed during a virtual walk through on this date

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures were observed on this date. A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director/Provider on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director/Provider on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Policies and Procedures**

**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**

**Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date.

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed reporting requirements with the provider on this date.

**Safety**

**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**

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/Provider on this date.

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

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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****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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| <b>Staff Records</b> |
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**Records Reviewed: 9****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Staff # 1                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 12/08/2011 |     |
| Staff # 2                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/03/2017 |     |
| Staff # 3                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 01/24/2017 |     |
| Staff # 4                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 07/25/2019 |     |
| Staff # 5                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 09/05/2017 |     |
| Staff # 6                | Met |
| Date of Hire: 01/02/2020 |     |
| Staff # 7                | Met |

**Records Reviewed: 9**

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

Date of Hire: 01/19/2017

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2017

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 04/18/2019

**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.

**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**

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

**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 May 12, 2020.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic