



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 8/18/2021    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 7:55 AM    **Departure:** 8:55 AM

**CCLC-17693**

**Childcare Network #89**

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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.
08/18/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/05/2021	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/08/2021	MV POI 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	A-infant	Infants	1	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B-1's	One Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	C-2's	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D-PreK		0	0	C	26	C	37	C	
Main	E-After School		0	0	C	26	C	36	C	
Main	F-PreK	PreK	2	18	C	27	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G-PreK	Four Year Olds	1	9	C	26	C	36	C	Art
Main	H-3's		0	0	C	15	C	21	C	
Main	I-Pre-K	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	17	C	23	C	Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 189						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 232				
Total # Children this Date: 61			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 189			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 232				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A-infant/Tod	55	C
Main	Playground B-PreK	62	C
Main	Playground C-school-age	121	C
Main	Playground D	29	C

### Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on August 17, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on August 18, 2021 with the Director.

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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Maria Chavez, 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**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The grass on the playground appeared to be well maintained. The consultant discussed daily monitoring of the playground and playground equipment to ensure that hazards are not present while children are present for care.

### Health and Hygiene

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Diapering was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Handwashing was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Hand washing supplies were observed, and hand washing practices were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Safety**

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

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

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

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 4/5/2021****Corrected on 8/18/2021**

.30(4) - The rule citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Cots were stored so that none were touching other cots. Children's bedding was kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 16****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 01/27/2016	
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 03/05/2021	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/31/2020	

**Records Reviewed: 16**

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

Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 01/25/2021	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 09/19/2016	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 02/03/2021	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 11/19/2019	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 01/29/2021	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 03/22/2021	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 02/04/2020	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 09/23/2020	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4**

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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-.31 Staff(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**Comment**

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