



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/8/2021 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:55 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-17693

Childcare Network #89

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
03/08/2021	MV POI Follow Up	Good Standing
11/05/2020	POI Follow Up	Support
08/28/2020	Complaint Closure	Support

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-infant	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Music,Nap,Floor Play
Main	B-1's	One Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-2's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	20	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
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	1	15	C	27	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G-PreK		0	0	C	26	C	36	C	
Main	H-3's		0	0	C	15	C	21	C	
Main	I-Pre-K	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	17	C	23	C	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 189						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 232				
Total # Children this Date: 57			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

The purpose of today's visit is a monitoring visit and a follow up for any previous citations. The center was observed to be in compliance with the Executive Order issued on February 15, 2021.

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/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.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

Maria Chavez, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a MV POI Follow Up:

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)

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2020

Corrected on 3/8/2021

.25(13) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All cleaning equipment was observed to be inaccessible to children in care.

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

Met

Comment

Due to the trees being removed on the opposite side of the playground fence to make way for new houses to be built, the consultant discussed with the provider adding a privacy screen on the fence and adding additional shade to the playground.

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2020

Corrected on 3/8/2021

.26(4) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All previous hazards were observed to be repaired or removed.

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2020

Corrected on 3/8/2021

.26(9) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All hazards, such as ant beds and tree roots, were observed to be removed, treated, or repaired.

Health and Hygiene

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

Comment

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Comment

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

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. The consultant also discussed removing the two crib mattresses that are not in use and that had tears on the corners from the infant room. The crib mattresses were removed during the visit.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 01/27/2016

Records Reviewed: 12**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 03/05/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/31/2020	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 01/25/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 09/19/2016	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 02/03/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 12/08/2020	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 11/19/2019	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 01/29/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 02/04/2020	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 09/23/2020	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided five file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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)

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.