



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Atlanta, GA 30334**

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Date: 5/3/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 11:35 AM

CCLC-17764

Gilmer County Head Start

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/03/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
10/31/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/03/2017	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	#12 (7R) EHS	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	8	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	#3 (2R) (3-4 HS)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	#5 (3R) (3-4 HS)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	#7 (4R) (3-4 HS)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	20	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	#9 (5R)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Music
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 111						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 68			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 111			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	178	C

Comments

Follow up to the previous Licensing Study that was conducted on October 31, 2018 was completed on this date.

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).



Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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.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.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.

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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.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.ga.gov

Beth McArthur, Program Official

Date

Colleen Covey, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Comment

All equipment was observed to be secured on this date.

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

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

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

The Director stated that no medication has been administered since the previous visit was conducted on October 31, 2017.

Safety

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

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

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

The center does not serve infants.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 18**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 12/30/2014	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 01/07/2017	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 03/11/2017	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 07/15/2017	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/09/2016	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 10/08/2012	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 04/16/2015	

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 05/30/2014	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 09/11/2000	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 01/12/2016	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 02/03/2014	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 07/11/2005	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 06/02/2014	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 07/23/2014	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 11/15/1993	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 06/02/2014	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 05/28/2014	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 05/28/2014	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 18

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR) **Met**

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete for all eighteen staff employed on this date.

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

Comment

Consultant observed staff comply with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

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

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