



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/5/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 1:50 PM **Departure:** 4:15 PM

CCLC-1794

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
12/05/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/19/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/30/2018	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 LF		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	1 RT		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	2 LF		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	2 RT		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	3 LF		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	3 RT	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	4 LF	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	4 RT	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			100			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date:			16			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	364	C

Comments

The purpose for this visit was to conduct a licensing study and to follow-up on the previous visit conducted on February 19,2019.

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

Karen Lillie, Program Official

Date

Kelly Jones, 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)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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.

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

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms** **Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Met****Correction Deadline: 3/19/2019****Corrected on 12/5/2019****.26(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed that the fence had been replaced with a new six foot fence around the playground.****Food Service****591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition** **Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)** **Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals** **Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **Met**

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 03/30/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 09/01/2017	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 10/28/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 06/04/2017	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 06/02/2017	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2007	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/28/2017	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 09/22/2016	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 3 files for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR **Met**

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

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