



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 11/5/2019    **VisitType:** Follow-Up    **Arrival:** 10:00 AM    **Departure:** 12:20 PM

**CCLC-18111**

**Discovery Point #51**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<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.
11/05/2019	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
09/17/2019	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/17/2019	Complaint Closure	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- First Left	Infants	1	5	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B- Second Left	One Year Olds	2	16	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C- 3rd Left	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D- Cafeteria		0	0	C	38	C	NA	NA	
Main	E- First Right	Six Year Olds and Over	1	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	F- Second Right	PreK	2	10	C	24	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	G- 3rd Right	PreK	2	15	C	24	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	H- 4th Right	PreK	2	7	C	26	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	I- Fifth Right	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	36	C	NA	NA	Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 226						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 99			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 226			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A 6w-35m	11	C
Main	Playground B: Preschool	65	C
Main	Playground C: School Age	77	C

**Comments**

November 5, 2019 - The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Complaint Investigation and follow up from previous visit completed on September 17, 2019.

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.al.ga.gov/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.

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#### 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.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.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.al.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.

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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.al.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.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

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Mandy Goggin, Program Official

Date

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Leslie Pettis, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

	<b>Facility</b>
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591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

**Correction Deadline: 10/1/2019**

**Corrected on 11/5/2019**

.26(4) - Previous citation corrected in that the center purchased a new fence, and a bar was installed to prevent the fence from curling, on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 10/1/2019**

**Corrected on 11/5/2019**

.26(8) - Previous citation corrected in that the resilient surface was measured to be seven inches on the slides, climbing net and ladder on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 10/1/2019**

**Corrected on 11/5/2019**

.26(9) - Previous citation corrected in that no tripping hazards observed on this date, and the tree roots were spray painted pink.

	<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 9**

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

Staff # 1

Met

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 08/04/2017

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 01/09/2019

**Records Reviewed: 9**

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

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Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2007	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 10/01/2006	
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9**

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

**Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit