



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/10/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 11:00 AM

CCLC-1921

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

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.
12/10/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/21/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
06/08/2021	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 board		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	142		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	145		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	147		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	149		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	175-3-5yrs		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	176-16-21 yrs		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	179-13-15yrs		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	180-10-12yrs		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	183-6-9yrs		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	184-3-5yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	187-3-5yr		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	191-2 yrs	Two Year Olds	1	3	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	192-3-4yrs	Two Year Olds	2	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	195-1-2yrs	Infants and One Year Olds	2	3	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Floor Play
Main	196-6-12mth	Infants	2	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Free Play
Main	Cafeteria		0	0	C	38	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 300

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 21

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 300

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-0-3 yrs	38	C
Main	After School Playground	105	C
Main	B-4-17yrs	92	C

Comments

December 10, 2021--A virtual visit was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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.decal.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.

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@decal.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://decal.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).

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

Sharon Borger, Program Official

Date

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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

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

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant reviewed each time children were required to wash hands: children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means.

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

This rule will be evaluated on the following regulatory visit conducted in 2022.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 40**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
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Date of Hire: 08/22/2019

Staff # 2	Met
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Date of Hire: 05/06/1991

Staff # 3	Met
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Date of Hire: 10/19/2017

Staff # 4	Met
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Date of Hire: 09/27/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 5	Met
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Date of Hire: 11/03/2016

Staff # 6	Met
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Date of Hire: 05/06/2019

Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 06/21/2021	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 02/06/2018	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 08/01/2021	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 05/01/2019	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 08/02/2021	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 09/14/2020	Met
Staff # 18	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 06/13/2018	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 05/20/2020	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 05/29/2018	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 10/16/2019	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 06/28/2021	Met
Staff # 24	Met

Date of Hire: 07/19/2021

Staff # 25

Met

Date of Hire: 10/20/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 26

Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2018

Staff # 27

Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2002

Staff # 28

Met

Staff # 29

Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/2012

Staff # 30

Met

Date of Hire: 03/27/2017

Staff # 31

Met

Date of Hire: 08/19/2019

Staff # 32

Met

Date of Hire: 01/26/2004

Staff # 33

Met

Date of Hire: 05/27/2008

Staff # 34

Met

Date of Hire: 12/05/2016

Staff # 35

Met

Date of Hire: 05/30/2017

Staff # 36

Met

Date of Hire: 06/14/2021

Staff # 37

Met

Date of Hire: 04/07/2003

Staff # 38

Met

Date of Hire: 08/20/2012

Staff # 39

Met

Date of Hire: 09/02/2003

Staff # 40

Met

Date of Hire: 01/18/2018

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 14

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. The Consultant discussed with the Director to renew any Criminal Records Checks that were due to expire in 2022 prior to the expiration date as required.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.