



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/28/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:40 AM **Departure:** 11:45 AM

CCLC-1952

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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.
03/28/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/12/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/16/2018	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	1 (LF-1st RT)	Infants	2	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	2-(LF-2nd LF)	One Year Olds	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Music
Main	3-(Lf-1st LF)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	4 (RT 1st RT)	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	5 (RT-2nd Lf)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	18	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	6-(Rt 1st LF)(Dining)		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 99						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 49			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 99			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	202	C

Comments

Follow up to the previous Licensing Study that was conducted on December 12, 2108 was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/28/2019

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.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@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).

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

Jessica Ledford, 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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined by consultant's observation that in classroom #5 a skin protection lotion was accessible to children when it was stored in the child's cubbie.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 3/28/2019

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 02/21/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 12/07/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 05/30/2018	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 10/02/2000	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 11/13/2017	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 01/04/2019	

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 06/21/2017	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/26/2016	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 01/21/2019	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 05/21/2018	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 03/05/1996	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 02/21/2007	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 12/15/2014	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 10/02/2000	Met
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 10/06/2017	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 10/22/2001	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 18

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

Comment

Director provided three files for employees hired since last visit on December 12, 2018.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2019

Corrected on 3/28/2019

.14(2) - Training was observed completed on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2019

Corrected on 3/28/2019

.33(4) - Training was observed completed.

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.