



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/18/2019 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

CCLC-1960

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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.
07/18/2019	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
06/26/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
06/26/2019	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Support	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Front Bldg	Room A-Front	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	44	NC	56	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Middle Bldg	Room B-Middle	Infants and One Year Olds	2	13	NC	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Middle Bldg	Room C	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 34			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Rear Bldg	Room D		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Rear Bldg	Room E		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Rear Bldg	Room F		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 31			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 73			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 121			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

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/Regulations.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

Rosalyn Patrick, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Facility

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/10/2019

Corrected on 7/18/2019

.25(3) - Previous cite observed to be corrected.

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/10/2019

Corrected on 7/18/2019

.18(5) - Previous cite corrected. A new refrigerator was observed to have been purchased. The temperature was observed to be at 40 degrees. Please ensure the center purchased new thermometers for all refrigerators and freezers.

Safety

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

Defer

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591-1-1-.13(1)-The center was not currently participating in field trips. This rule will be reviewed on the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add any missing items to the field trip notice and train Center Staff to complete all of the information on the correct form, and will have a system to ensure parents are notified in advance and to monitor usage of the field trip notice.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2019

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 6/27/2019****Corrected on 7/18/2019**

.36(7)(c) - Previous cite corrected. Transportation checklists for the morning of July 18, 2019 were observed to be complete. Please ensure vehicle emergency forms and parental authorizations are maintained in a notebook or file on the vehicle for all children transported.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 6/26/2019****Corrected on 7/18/2019**

.30(2) - Previous cite observed to be corrected this date. Please ensure all safe sleep rules are followed as required.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that a ratio of 2:13 was maintained in the infant classroom (Classroom A - Middle Building). 3 of the children were identified by staff as being one year of age with the remaining children identified as infants under the age of one year. A ratio of 3:13 was required. . Based on the consultant's observation at ratio of 2: 44 was maintained in the front building when 22 three and four year old children were maintained in the space with 22 school age children. A ratio of 3:44 was required .

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group. Immediate correction required. During the visit the owner came in to provide addition supervision, however, the center required additional staff. It was discussed that the center required substitutes for emergencies.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2019**Recited on 7/18/2019**

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed proper supervision: responding promptly, bathrooms and playgrounds.