



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 9/4/2019    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 8:55 AM    **Departure:** 10:30 AM

**CCLC-22864**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<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.
09/04/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/25/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/26/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
			<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.

**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	Back Left-Rm D		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Main	Back Middle-Rm C		0	0	C	11	C	16	C	
Main	Back Right- Rm B	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	First Right-Rm A	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 61							
Total # Children this Date: 22			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 56							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 61							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit is to complete a monitoring visit. This is the first visit of the fiscal year.

The director stated that they do not provide medications or swimming activities.

The center is currently one star quality rated.

All criminal record checks were observed complete. The director provided files for three new employees hired since the last visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/04/2019

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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.state.ga.us](mailto: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.

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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.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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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Tiffany Evans, 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)** N/A

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Facility

**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)** Met

**Correction Deadline: 4/25/2019**

**Corrected on 9/4/2019**

.19(1) - This citation was corrected on this date. All classrooms were providing 35 square feet of usable space per child.

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

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)** Not Met

**Correction Deadline: 4/25/2019**

**Corrected on 9/4/2019**

.26(4) - This citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed that all fence hazards had been repaired.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that there was no resilient surfacing under the metal slide with an exposed root observed at the bottom of the slide.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The director stated that mulch had been ordered and would be added to the playground over the weekend when the center is closed.

**Correction Deadline: 9/11/2019**

**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)****N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 4/26/2019**

**Corrected on 9/4/2019**

**.36(4)(b) - This citation was corrected on this date. All seats were observed to be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items.**

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment****591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****N/A****Comment**

No infants are currently enrolled in the center.

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 4****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/23/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 02/06/2017	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 04/14/2016	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)** **Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided three files for employees hired since last visit.

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training** **Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety training at the time of employment that will count toward required annual training: Staff employed prior to September 30, 2016 will complete the training by December 29, 2016 and Staff employed after September 30, 2016 will complete the health and safety training within the first 90 days of employment. It was determined based on a review of records that one employee hired December 4, 2018, did not have evidence of completing the health and safety training within their first ninety days of employment.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates.

**Correction Deadline: 9/11/2019****Recited on 9/4/2019****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****Correction Deadline: 4/25/2019****Corrected on 9/4/2019**

.32(2) - This citation was corrected on this date. Proper staff:child ratios were observed on this date.

**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)** **Met****Correction Deadline: 4/25/2019**

**Corrected on 9/4/2019**

**.32(7) - This citation was corrected on this date. Proper supervision was observed on this date.**