



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 10/16/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:30 AM

**Departure:** 12:45 PM

**CCLC-23224**

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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.  <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.
10/16/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/11/2020	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/11/2020	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-1L	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Free Play, Transitioning
Main	B-2L	One Year Olds	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Free Play
Main	C-3L		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D-1R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	19	C	27	C	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 55						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 63				
Total # Children this Date: 23			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 55			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 63				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A	6	C
Main	PG B	17	C

**Comments**

A virtual inspection was conducted on October 16, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. An Administrative Review was conducted on October 16, 2020 staff records, children's files, training and background checks were all reviewed. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on September 30, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/16/2020

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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Bianca Taylor, Program Official

Date

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Kelly Jones, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

### Activities and Equipment

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

**Comment**

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

**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

**Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

## Facility

### 591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

#### Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

### 591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Technical Assistance

#### Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25 -Consultant discussed with the director, moving the crock pot to a new location in Infant classroom C- 3L to avoid a potential hazard in the future. There were no infants present during the visit on this date.

#### Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

### 591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

#### Comment

The outside area appears clean and well maintained. Consultant discussed monitoring the playground and fence surrounding the playground area for normal wear and tear (i.e. exposed roots, active ant beds, resilient surface levels, entrapment hazards, etc.) with the director on this date.

## Food Service

### 591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

#### Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

### 591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

#### Comment

Please ensure that all food items are stored in airtight containers.

## Health and Hygiene

### 591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Diapering was not directly observed during the virtual walk through on this date. Staff stated knowledge of proper diapering procedures.

### 591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing was not directly observed during the virtual walk through on this date. Staff stated knowledge of proper hand washing procedures

### 591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

#### Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

## Policies and Procedures

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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit. Consultant discussed with provider to ensure to maintain records as required by the department.

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**591-1-1-.22 Parental Access****Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.22 - Parental access requirements are met per current COVID-19 guidelines.

**Correction Deadline: 10/16/2020**

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**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices****Met****Comment**

Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date. Consultant discussed posted signs for COVID-19.

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**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Met****Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through on this date. Staff stated knowledge of appropriate discipline procedures. Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Currently the center has no infants enrolled.

**Comment**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 16****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 12/30/2016	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 09/11/2014	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 12/12/2013	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 11/03/2016	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 06/03/2016	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 03/08/2016	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 01/13/2020	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 09/23/2011	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 07/09/2020	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 11/17/2016	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 03/09/2016	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 10/25/2011	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 05/08/2019	
Staff # 14	Met

Date of Hire: 06/29/2017

Staff # 15

Met

Date of Hire: 06/03/2016

Staff # 16

Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2009

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4**

**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 March 11, 2020.

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit. Consultant discussed with provider to ensure to maintain supplies and materials as required by the department.

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff reviewed were certified in First Aid and CPR.

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**

**Met**

**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.31 - Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months. Consultant further discussed that a Education Plan must be in the staff members file.

**Comment**

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during the virtual walk through on this date. The program is in compliance with the Executive Order issued on September 30, 2020.

**Staffing and Supervision**

**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.