



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/16/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:15 AM

Departure: 11:35 AM

CCLC-246

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/16/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
03/14/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/06/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

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.

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	3's-1R	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Infant- Middle Rear	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Middle Front-Part of 3's Room	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Pre-K 1-1L	PreK	3	22	C	48	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Pre-K 2-2L		0	0	C	41	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	School Age-2R		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Tiny Tots-Back Right-3R	One Year Olds	1	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 146						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 50			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 146			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

Consultant criminal record check rules and portability on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/16/2019

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/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.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

Shae Stamey, 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

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Facility

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

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.

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 based on observation of consultant that rubbing alcohol and nail polish remover were located in an unlocked cabinet and accessible to children in the Pre-K 1 1L classroom. In addition, bleach, floor cleaner, and three vacuum cleaners were located in an unlocked storage closet and accessible to children in the Pre-K 1L classroom.

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: 9/16/2019

Recited on 9/16/2019

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**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of handwashing procedures.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2019**Corrected on 9/16/2019****.20(4) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed proper storage of medications on this date.**

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.11(2) - Ensure 'time out' is used appropriately.

Correction Deadline: 9/16/2019

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 11**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 07/15/2019

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 08/27/2019

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 08/06/2015	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 06/02/1999	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 07/01/2019	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 04/16/2019	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 09/16/2019	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 11/16/2018	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 07/29/2019	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 06/19/2019	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 11/19/2014	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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-.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.