



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/5/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-25064

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
12/05/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
03/08/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing
07/11/2017	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	201	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding
Main	203		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	204	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	205		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	208		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	210		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	G	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 27			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A Outside	15	C
Main	B Outside	29	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/05/2018

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

Linda McDonald, 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

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)

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. IT was determined based on the consultant's observation that the fencing on the toddler playground near the brick building and the parking not was no longer anchored into the ground causing a four to five inch gap between the fencing and the ground. It was further determined that the fencing on the preschool playground on the right side near the parking lot measure approximately three feet six inches in height. In addition fencing dividing the toddler and the preschool playgrounds is no longer anchored into the ground and protruding in towards the preschool playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2018

Recited on 12/5/2018

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

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2018

Corrected on 12/5/2018

.17(7) - Previous citation corrected.

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

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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) Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2016

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/2010

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 04/01/2014

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 08/09/2016	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 11/10/2009	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 08/05/2008	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 02/11/2010	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/03/2016	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 12/27/2016	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 01/20/2016	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 03/14/2016	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 11/02/2018	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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.