



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 7/29/2020    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 8:50 AM    **Departure:** 10:40 AM

**CCLC-25652**

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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.
07/29/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/09/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/26/2019	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	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	Rm A (BR2)	Infants	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	Rm B (BR1)	Infants	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Story
Main	Rm C (K4)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
Main	Rm F (K2A)	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm G (K1B)	One Year Olds	2	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
Main	Rm H (K1A)	One Year Olds	2	16	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Circle Time
Main	Rm I (K2B)	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Room D (K3)	Three Year Olds	2	21	C	30	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room E ASP	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 154

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 106

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 154

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground-2 yrs	24	C
Main	Playground3-12	32	C

### Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on July 28, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on July 29, 2020 with the Owner and Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to Covid-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.

#### 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.

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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Marissa Taylor, Program Official

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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**

**Correction Deadline: 3/9/2020**

**Corrected on 7/29/2020**

The toys were observed to be clean on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

**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 not observed on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

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

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

Center appears clean and well maintained. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

**Food Service****591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3

Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

**Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed. Vehicles were not observed due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position on this date. 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.

**Staff Records**

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

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Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 12/11/2017

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 04/19/2008

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 09/23/2010

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 03/25/2019

Staff # 5 Met

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

Date of Hire: 11/04/2019

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 01/13/2021

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 10/03/2011

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 01/21/2019

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 02/24/2020

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 03/31/2019

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 03/19/2015

Staff # 12 Met

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 05/30/2008

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 06/16/2008

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 04/19/2008

Staff # 16 Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Owner and Director that potential staff members that have a Criminal Background Check that meet the portability guidelines cannot be present on the premises until the staff member is ported over and reflected in the Koala system for the center.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2020****591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Met****Comment**

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

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

**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

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

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to Covid-19 Pandemic.