



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 8/28/2019    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:30 AM    **Departure:** 1:30 PM

**CCLC-26228**

**Discovery Point #3**

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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.
08/28/2019	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
08/28/2019	Incident Investigation/Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/01/2019	Licensing Study	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	1st Left	Infants and One Year Olds	3	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap	
Main	1st Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Floor Play	
Main	2nd Left	One Year Olds	2	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	2nd Right	PreK	2	20	C	24	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	3rd Left	Two Year Olds	3	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Floor Play	
Main	3rd Right	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	26	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	4th Right	PreK	2	19	C	29	C	NA	NA	Circle Time	
Main	5th Right	PreK	2	20	C	26	C	NA	NA	Circle Time	
Main	Dining-Cafe'		0	0	C	44	C	NA	NA		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			195			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0	Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 120			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			195	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left Rear	69	C
Main	Left Side	20	C
Main	Right Side	81	C

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study and conduct an incident investigation.

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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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

**Activities and Equipment****591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12(2) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and repair the netting on the soft chair in classroom 2R where it is beginning to develop rips in the netting.

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2019**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12(4) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and secure the TV in the cafe' area so that it does not pose a tipping hazard.

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2019**

**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****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and repair or repaint the wall in the cafe' area beside classroom 2L where the sheet rock is developing a tears. Consultant also discussed with provider to monitor the flooring in the bathroom in classroom 3L where the linoleum is developing a rip in the material.

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2019**

**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and repair or replace the bottom fencing between the front left and middle back playgrounds, where it is becoming detached from the ground.

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2019**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and repair or replace the netting on the basketball goal where it is becoming ripped and detached from the hoop. Consultant also discussed with provider to cover or secure the black tarp material under the tree in the back right playground where it is becoming loose from the ground.

**Correction Deadline: 9/7/2019**

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

**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**

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

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Comment**

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

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director and staff on this date. Staff stated appropriate laundry practices are followed.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 12****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 04/29/2019	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 04/24/2018	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 01/23/2019	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 05/17/2018	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 01/22/2018	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 05/06/2013	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 06/04/2008	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 07/24/1996	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 08/11/2002	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 01/14/2008	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 09/04/2018	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided [ ] file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

**Comment**

Lead staff education requirements are met.

<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.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.