



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 8/24/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

**CCLC-26288**

**A Brighter Beginning Childcare Center**

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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.
08/24/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/19/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/11/2020	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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
Building 1	Building 1	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	18	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 79							
Building 2	Building 2		0	0	C	19	C	26	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 19			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 79							
Building 3	Building 3	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	18	C	25	C	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 79							
Main	Front	One Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Left	Infants	1	6	C	6	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Nap, Floor Play
Main	Middle	One Year Olds	1	3	C	5	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Centers, Flo or Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 24			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 79							
Total # Children this Date: 42			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 79			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 79				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Large Rear-Play	87	C

## Comments

An in person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/24/2021

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/RuleAndRegulations.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](mailto: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://www.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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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Eric Holden, 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)**

**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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**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**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)	N/A
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**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

	<b>Safety</b>
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591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)	Met
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**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	Technical Assistance
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**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.13(2) - The Consultant and Director discussed parents of multiple children signing field trip permissions for each individual child.

**Correction Deadline: 8/24/2021**

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591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	Not Met
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**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #6 transported children August 9-13, 2021 and August 16-19, 2021 when the staff member's transportation training expired on March 12, 2021. The staff member did not obtain new transportation training until August 20, 2021.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that the Director, Center Staff, and any person responsible for the transportation of children has completed the required transportation training.

**Correction Deadline: 9/3/2021**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based upon a review of records that center staff failed to document two children present or absent on August 16, 2021, August 17, 2021, and August 18, 2021 when transporting children from Sue Reynolds Elementary back to the center.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

**Correction Deadline: 8/25/2021**

**Recited on 8/24/2021**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)3. requires that the driver or other designated person document in writing the time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that center staff failed to document the load time and return time on August 13, 2021 when transporting children from Richmond Hill Elementary School to the center.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that each time of arrival and departure is documented by the driver or designated person with training, review and monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 8/25/2021**

**Correction Deadline: 3/20/2021**

**Corrected on 8/24/2021**

**.36(7)(d)1. - Correction of previous citation in that the consultant observed documentation of completed first checks on transportation checklists.**

**Correction Deadline: 3/19/2021**

**Corrected on 8/24/2021**

**.36(7)(d)2. - Correction of previous citation in that the consultant observed documentation of completed second checks on transportation checklists.**

<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.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 8**

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

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 10/24/2016	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 06/28/2010	
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 05/05/2001	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 10/07/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 05/21/2013	

Staff # 7 Met  
Date of Hire: 01/09/2009

Staff # 8 Met  
Date of Hire: 04/11/2016

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Defer**

591-1-1-.33(5)-Citation deferred. Due date not approached yet.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

**Correction Deadline: 12/31/2021**

**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.

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

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.