



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/3/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:35 AM **Departure:** 1:40 PM

CCLC-26288

A Brighter Beginning Childcare Center

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
09/03/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/12/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/14/2018	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
Building 1	Building 1	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 79							
Building 2	Building 2	Six Year Olds and Over	3	14	C	19	C	26	C	Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 19			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 79							
Building 3	Building 3	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	25	C	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 79							
Main	Front	One Year Olds	1	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Left	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	6	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	Middle		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 24			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 79							
Total # Children this Date: 54			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 79			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 79				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Large Rear-Play	87	C
Main	Left-Play	16	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/03/2019

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/Regulations.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

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that the television was unsecured on a cart in Building 3 on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2019

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

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019

Corrected on 9/3/2019

.19(1) - Correction of previous citation in that the consultant observed the center to maintain license capacity in all classrooms 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 that the following potential hazards were observed on this date:

- Building 1: Three bottles of Pine-Sol, a bottle of opened Clorox Bleach, a bottle of Makers Mark Dish Detergent, a bottle of Raid, a bottle of glass cleaner were observed accessible to children under an unlocked cabinet under the sink used for handwashing. A staff purse was observed on top of the cubby accessible to children.
- Building 2: A staff purse was observed accessible to children on a shelf.
- Building 3: A staff purse was observed accessible to children on a table.

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: 9/3/2019

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

591-1-1-.26(4) - The director and consultant discussed ensuring that all bolts on the playground are either cut down to two threads or capped.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2019

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - The director and consultant discussed removing the green diaper changing pad that has a small tear and using the white diaper changing pad underneath in it's place.

Correction Deadline: 9/3/2019

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on review of records that there were no fire drills documented for June, July, and August 2019, when it is required for fire drills to be conducted monthly. It was further determined that the last tornado drill was documented in February 2018 when it is required for tornado drills to be conducted every six months.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2019

Recited on 9/3/2019

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019

Corrected on 9/3/2019

.30(1)(b)3 - Correction of previous citation in that the consultant observed cot sheets available for napping children in all buildings on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/13/2019****Corrected on 9/3/2019****.09(1)(a) - Correction of previous citation in that the consultant observed current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letters on file for all staff on this date.****Correction Deadline: 3/13/2019****Corrected on 9/3/2019****.09(1)(c) - Correction of previous citation in that the consultant observed current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letters on file for all staff on this date.**

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 4/2/2019****Corrected on 9/3/2019****.31(2)(b)2. - Correction of previous citation in that all lead caregiver staff were observed to have evidence documentation meeting the minimum academic requirement set forth by the department.**

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.