



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/13/2019 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 8:45 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

CCLC-2636

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

| <u>Compliance Zone Designation</u> | | | 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. |
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| 05/13/2019 | Complaint Closure | Good Standing | |
| 05/13/2019 | Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit POI Follow Up | Support | |
| 03/05/2019 | Complaint Closure | Support | |

Ratios/License Capacity

| Building | Room | Age Group | Staff | Children | NC/C | Max 35 SF. | 35 SF. Comp. | Max 25 SF. | 25 SF. Comp. | Notes |
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| bld2-rm H | Pre-K/ school age | PreK | 2 | 20 | C | 40 | C | 56 | C | Music, Transitioning |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 40 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 168 | | | | | | | |
| Main | Cafeteria | | 0 | 0 | C | 16 | C | 23 | C | |
| Main | Room A - 2 1/2 yrs (right side of Bldg.) | Two Year Olds | 1 | 9 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | Circle Time |
| Main | Room B - 3 yrs (right side Bldg.) | Three Year Olds | 2 | 21 | C | 30 | C | 42 | C | Circle Time, Transitioning |
| Main | Room C - 1 yrs (left side of building) | One Year Olds | 1 | 5 | C | 13 | C | NA | NA | Art |
| Main | Room D - Infants (left side of Bldg.) | Infants | 2 | 9 | C | 12 | C | NA | NA | Diapering, Floor Play |
| Main | Room E - 18 mth - 2 yrs (left side bldg) | One Year Olds | 2 | 9 | C | 13 | C | NA | NA | Circle Time |
| Main | Room F - 2 year olds (left side of building) | Two Year Olds | 1 | 10 | C | 13 | C | NA | NA | Transitioning, Music |
| Main | Room G - 1 yrs (left side end of hallway) | One Year Olds | 1 | 8 | C | 13 | C | NA | NA | Music, Free Play |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 168 | | | | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Main | playground | 67 | C |

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is a Plan of Improvement Follow Up visit and a Monitoring visit. The center provides before and after school transportation. Transportation records and vehicles were checked during the visit and all employee background checks were reviewed.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 05/24/2019

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/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.

- 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.decal.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@decal.ga.gov

Jazmine Newsome, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit POI Follow Up:

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

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2019

Corrected on 5/13/2019

.19(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There were eight children observed in classroom G, that is currently licensed for thirteen children.

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

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Correction Deadline: 3/5/2019

Corrected on 5/13/2019

.36(10) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All drivers have been trained to unload all children from vehicle and to never leave a child/children unattended on a vehicle.

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Correction Deadline: 3/5/2019

Corrected on 5/13/2019

.36(13) - The citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Drivers have been trained to cut vehicle off, set brakes, and remove keys when they exit a vehicle.

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Correction Deadline: 3/5/2019

Corrected on 5/13/2019

.36(4)(f)1. - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed working seat belts in all vehicles used for transportation.

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Correction Deadline: 3/1/2019

Corrected on 5/13/2019

.36(4)(f)2. - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The center has two vehicles that pick up children from S. L. Mason to ensure the vehicle is not over capacity.

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Correction Deadline: 3/5/2019

Corrected on 5/13/2019

.36(4)(f)2. - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The center sends two vehicles to S.L. Mason to ensure capacity of vehicles is not exceeded.

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 on a review of transportation records that on the following transportation checklists a check or mark to account for the load, unload, or absence of a child was not documented.

May 10, 2019 on the Dewar PM transportation checklist there were no load, unload, or absent marks documented.

March 21, 2019 on a home transportation form there were no load, unload, or absent marks for one child documented.

April 19, 2019 on the VMS AM transportation checklist there were no load, unload, or absent marks documented.

May 10, 2019 on the VMS PM transportation checklist there were no load, unload, or absent marks documented.

May 7, 8, and 10, 2019 on the Pinevale AM transportation checklist there were no load, unload, or absent marks documented.

May 13, 2019 on the S.L. Mason transportation checklist there were no load, unload, or absent marks documented.

May 6, 2019 on the Tickle Me Pink transportation checklist there were no load, unload, or absent marks documented. .

May 7, 9, 10, 2019 on the Bright Start transportation checklist there were no load, unload, or absent marks documented.

April 16, 2019 on a home transportation checklist there was no unload documentation for one child.

April 18, 2019 on a home transportation checklist there were no load, unload, or absent marks documented.

April 26, 2019 on a home transportation checklist there were no unload mark for seven children and no load, unload or absent mark for one child.

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Correction Deadline: 5/13/2019

Recited on 5/13/2019

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Correction Deadline: 3/6/2019

Corrected on 5/13/2019

.36(7)(c)3. - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant reviewed transportation records and observed the load and unload times documented.

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Correction Deadline: 3/5/2019

Corrected on 5/13/2019

.36(7)(d)1. - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant reviewed transportation records and observed first check signatures.

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Correction Deadline: 3/5/2019

Corrected on 5/13/2019

.36(7)(d)2. - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant reviewed transportation records and observed second check signatures.

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| 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.

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| Staff Records |
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Records Reviewed: 21

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

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| Staff # 1 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 01/08/2016 | |
| Staff # 2 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 04/20/2018 | |
| Staff # 3 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 10/16/2017 | |
| Staff # 4 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 02/13/2012 | |
| Staff # 5 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 05/07/2019 | |
| Staff # 6 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 10/08/2018 | |

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| Staff # 7 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 04/24/2019 | |
| Staff # 8 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 01/02/2019 | |
| Staff # 9 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 10/15/1988 | |
| Staff # 10 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 05/10/2002 | |
| Staff # 11 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 12/28/2017 | |
| Staff # 12 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/03/2016 | |
| Staff # 13 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 07/21/2018 | |
| Staff # 14 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 03/18/2019 | |
| Staff # 15 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 04/12/2019 | |
| Staff # 16 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 11/22/1987 | |
| Staff # 17 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 01/17/2019 | |
| Staff # 18 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 01/10/2019 | |
| Staff # 19 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 04/21/2017 | |
| Staff # 20 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 09/12/2016 | |
| Staff # 21 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 05/01/2019 | |

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

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

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Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined based on a review of employee records that an employee hired on March 18, 2019 had a satisfactory comprehensive record check letter dated December 29, 2016 and was hired outside of the portability period. A new record check letter must be obtained and a one day letter was left with the director.

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Correction Deadline: 5/13/2019

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

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2019

Corrected on 5/13/2019

.33(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The employees have completed the required Health and Safety training.

Defer

591-1-1-.33(6)- This citation is deferred due to annual training for 2018 previously being reviewed during a monitoring visit on February 28, 2019. The annual training for 2019 will be reviewed during the center's next licensing study.

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2018

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

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2019

Corrected on 5/13/2019

.31(13) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Staff were observed to be in compliance with all 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

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2019

Corrected on 5/13/2019

.32(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The center has procedures in place to assure that children in care are supervised during unloading and all times while in care at the center.