



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/13/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 4:00 PM **Departure:** 5:00 PM

CCLC-26490

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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.
01/13/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/22/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/02/2020	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	A-1st right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Main	B - 2nd right	One Year Olds	1	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C - 3rd right	PreK	2	18	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	D -Back left		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	E -far left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	19	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch, Nap
Main	F-Front left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding
Main	Room G -3 yrs		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 114						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 66			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 114			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playgrd -A frt lft	23	C
Main	Playgrd B back lft	67	C
Main	Playgrd-back rt	33	C
Main	playgrd-Front Rt	9	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on January 13, 2021. Staff files, children’s files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on January 20, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 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.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

Jessie Durbin, Program Official

Date

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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

Comment

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

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

Child records were observed to be complete and well organized during the Administrative Review.

Comment

Arrival and departure records were observed to be complete during the Administrative Review.

Facility

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

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center during the Virtual Visit.

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

Comment

No hazards were observed to be accessible to children during the Virtual Visit.

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

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair Routine playground maintenance was discussed during the Virtual Visit.

Food Service

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

Comment

The center menu was review during the Administrative Review and meets USDA guidelines.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) **Met**

Comment

Proper diapering procedures were discussed during the Virtual Visit.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing procedures were discussed during the Virtual Visit.

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

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

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

Comment

Completed documentation of transportation was observed during the Administrative Review.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position during the Virtual Visit.

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

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 07/06/2020	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 09/28/2020	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 10/19/2020	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 01/22/2016	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 04/29/2014	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 03/06/2008	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 10/08/2019	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/16/2016	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 03/16/2015	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 08/23/2019	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 06/19/2017	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 09/16/2020	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 09/10/2008	Met

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 14 Met
Date of Hire: 12/07/2015

Staff # 15 Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2020

Staff # 16 Met
Date of Hire: 08/17/2020

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12

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

Comment

Director provided 5 files for employees hired since the last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Met

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR during the Administrative Review.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required annual staff training during the Administrative Review.

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

Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios during the Virtual Visit.

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

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs during the Virtual Visit.