



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Atlanta, GA 30334**

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Date: 12/16/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:30 AM

Departure: 9:30 AM

CCLC-27765

Christian Outreach Early Learning Center

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Same

Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
12/16/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/21/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
01/15/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing

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.

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		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	
Main	B/School Age		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			40			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0		
Total # Children this Date:			0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		40		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			40			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0		

Building @35 capacity limited by Health Department Limitations

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Rotate Children	54	C

Comments

Facility is temporarily closed due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

A virtual inspection was conducted on December 16, 2020 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Consultant discussed with Provider that when facility reopens all employees that have not been involved in the child care industry six months or longer must have an updated Criminal Records Check before returning to the facility.

Consultant reminded Provider that License fee is due.

Consultant encouraged Provider to contact the consultant when reopening so the consultant can ensure the Provider has all current information in order to proceed with reopening the facility.

Consultant discussed updating a Required Report for temporary closure.

Consultant emailed a Facility Update form to be completed to update all information with the new director, email address and telephone numbers.

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

Sheila Claiborne, Program Official

Date

Charlene Story, Consultant

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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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured on this date.
A virtual visit was completed on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.
Facility is temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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)

Not Evaluated

Comment

Facility is temporarily closed due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.
A virtual visit was completed on this this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.
Facility is temporarily closed due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26 - Consultant discuss with Provider to ensure grass is cut, gate to playground is repaired and any other minor repairs are completed before reopening the facility.
Facility is temporarily closed due to COVID-19 Pandemic.
A virtual visit was completed on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

There were no children enrolled in the program on this date. Proper diaper facilities were observed with warm running water and proper ventilation.
Facility is temporarily closed due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.
Facility is temporarily closed due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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**

There were no children enrolled on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.
A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Provider on this date.
Facility is temporarily closed due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 2**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Staff # 2

Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit due to facility being temporarily closed due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Consultant discussed with Provider that when facility reopens all employees that have not been involved in the child care industry six months or longer must have an updated Criminal Records Check completed before returning to the facility.

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

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed with the Provider for when facility reopens.

Facility is temporarily closed due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

A virtual visit was completed on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Facility is temporarily closed due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.

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