



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 10/3/2019    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 8:45 AM    **Departure:** 12:00 PM

**CCLC-28246**

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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.
10/03/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/16/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/14/2018	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	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering
Main	B	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	C	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	20	C	28	C	Outside
Main	E	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	21	C	29	C	Outside
Main	F		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 129							
Total # Children this Date: 54			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 129				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd-A	13	C
Main	Plgd-B	111	C
Main	Plgd-C	222	C

### Comments

The purpose of today's visit is to complete a Monitoring Visit. This is the first visit of the fiscal year.

The center is currently three star quality rated.

The director stated that they do not provide swimming activities.

All criminal record checks were reviewed on this date. The director provided files for eight employees hired since the last visit. One volunteer was present.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/03/2019

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.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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.

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### 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.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.ga.gov).

- 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.al.ga.gov/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.

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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](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

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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)** **Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) - The consultant spoke with the director about ensuring that toilet bowl plungers are stored inaccessible to the children in care.

**Correction Deadline: 10/3/2019**

**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)** **Not Met**

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that there was a four-inch gap in the fencing and a six-inch gap in the fencing across from the basketball court on the after school children's playground.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

**Correction Deadline: 10/17/2019**

**Recited on 10/3/2019**

**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)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.20(1) - The consultant spoke with the director about ensuring that when parents want the center to dispense medication longer than originally authorized, that they have the parent update the medication form.

**Correction Deadline: 10/3/2019**

**Safety****591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

**Correction Deadline: 5/17/2019**

**Corrected on 10/3/2019**

.36(7)(c)2. - This citation was corrected. Complete transportation documentation was observed on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 5/17/2019**

**Corrected on 10/3/2019**

.36(7)(c)3. - This citation was corrected. Complete transportation documentation was observed on this date.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 - The consultant spoke with the director about ensuring that crib mattresses remain waterproof. The director was able to cover the small tears in the mattresses with tape during the visit until they can pull new ones out of their storage building.

**Correction Deadline: 10/3/2019**

**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 12****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 03/07/2016	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/25/2017	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 09/09/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 04/23/2009	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 03/21/2017	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 10/10/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 02/13/2017	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 08/13/2018	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 01/30/2018	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 08/12/2019	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 11/16/2018	
Staff # 12	Met

Date of Hire: 07/17/2019

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided eight files for employees hired since last visit.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) - The consultant observed one volunteer that was present. The director stated that this was the first day the volunteer was present within the last 90 days. The consultant discussed with the director that if the employee volunteered more than once every 90 days, then the center would need to submit an application for fingerprints for the volunteer.

**Correction Deadline: 10/3/2019****591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with 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****Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.