



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 12/6/2018    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 11:15 AM    **Departure:** 2:40 PM

**CCLC-2866**

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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.
12/06/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/03/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/03/2017	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
Main	1L	Four Year Olds	1	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2 & 3 Yrs.	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Afterschool		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	Infant	Infants	1	3	C	10	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Main	Pre-School		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use,Nap
Main	Pre-School	Four Year Olds	1	5	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use,Nap
Main	Toddler		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use,Nap
Main	Toddler	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use,Nap

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 106

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 21

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 106

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground 1	38	C
Main	Playground II	218	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/06/2018

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/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.state.ga.us](mailto: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.

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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.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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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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)****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 upon the Consultants observation that an outdoor storage containing a lawn mower, blower and other garden tools was unlocked and accessible to children.

**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: 12/20/2018**

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

Consultant discussed with Provider the importance of repairing the fence that was damaged by the storm. The Provider stated that she has been working on getting the company back out but with the damage in the area there are waiting list. The Provider advised that the playground area is not currently being used. Provider stated that she should have it taken care of by February 6, 2018.

**Correction Deadline: 12/6/2018****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based upon Consultants observation that the first blue swing on the infant/toddler playground silver latch is not closing and unable to secure the children. On that same playground there is a rusted scooter and a red tricycle with rusted handle bars, and a blue and beige climber that is cracked on the top. On the after school playground The black mats under the swings are not covered and could be tripping hazards. Also the small red balance beam paint is chipping and the wood splintering, and on that same playground the green and red rider wood is splintering and needs paint as well as the green and yellow driving toy needs a steering wheel replaced.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

**Correction Deadline: 12/16/2018****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Provider the importance of having adequate resilient surfacing around outdoor equipment and climbing toys as well as the swings. The Provider advised that she had a flood from a storm that happened in the are on Sunday 2nd of December and the children have not been allowed access to the playground. The Provider advised that she should have the surfacing replaced no later than February 6, 2018.

**Correction Deadline: 12/16/2018****Technical Assistance**

Consultant spoke to the Provider about the importance of cleaning the limbs, bushes, vines, wood pieces and other debris that is on the playground. The Provider advised that this debris was from the storm and the children have not been allowed to play on the playground area. The Provider advised that she has been in contact with some lawncare services about the job and it should be completed by February 6, 2019 .

**Correction Deadline: 12/6/2018**

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

The Lead Teacher in the Infant's room advised she places all children on their backs when she puts them down for a nap.

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**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.