



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/7/2020 **VisitType:** Follow-Up **Arrival:** 12:00 PM **Departure:** 2:50 PM

CCLC-296

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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.
08/07/2020	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
10/24/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
10/23/2019	Complaint Investigation & 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	4 L-(Blue)	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	A-1st RT (Lt.Blue)		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	B-2nd RT (Red)		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	C-1st L (Yellow)		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	D-2 L (Green)	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	31	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E-3 L (White)	One Year Olds	1	8	C	36	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F-3 Rt (purple)	Infants	1	5	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning
Main	G-4 RT (Orange)	Three Year Olds	1	3	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Nap

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 175

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 34

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 175

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	79	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a follow up to a visit conducted on October 23, 2019 and to conduct a complaint investigation. The current Executive Order was utilized during today's visit and the provider demonstrated compliance with the current order.

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.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.

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.

- 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.

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.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov

Holly Ridley, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2019

Corrected on 8/7/2020

.03(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed appropriate activities conducted with children on this date.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Amendment was submitted by the center to the Department. Regional consultant is working on the measurement to add to file.

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 10/23/2019

Corrected on 8/7/2020

.26(4) -The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed the center to keep the fence gates closed when not in use on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with the director on September 18, 2020, to remove the white polyvinyl chloride, (PVC) piping surrounding the playground to prevent a potential tripping hazard. The PVC pipe was originally approved by the Department to contain loose resilient surfacing, but the Center has since replaced loose surfacing and installed a rubber resilient surface. The PVC pipe is no longer needed and pose a tripping hazard to children.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2020

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2019

Corrected on 8/7/2020

.10(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed the center to have the surface smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2019

Corrected on 8/7/2020

.17(7) - The previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that children were observed to properly wash their hands at the appropriate times on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2019

Corrected on 8/7/2020

.17(8) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed the center to have liquid soap and warm running water for handwashing on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/23/2019

Corrected on 8/7/2020

.30(2)(c) - The previous citation observed corrected in that no infants were observed sleeping in equipment other than safety- approved cribs on this date.