



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/25/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:40 AM

Departure: 1:25 PM

CCLC-296

Precious Possessions Preschool & Daycare

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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.
11/25/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/17/2020	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
08/07/2020	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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)		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	A-1st RT (Lt.Blue)	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Main	B-2nd RT (Red)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Main	C-1st L (Yellow)	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D-2 L (Green)	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	31	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E-3 L (White)		0	0	C	36	C	NA	NA	
Main	F-3 Rt (purple)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Main	G-4 RT (Orange)		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 175

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 33

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 175

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	79	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on November 25, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A walk through of the facility was conducted on November 25, 2020. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on September 30, 2020 was reviewed during the 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.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a visit on November 25, 2020.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

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

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Met**

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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) **Met**

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair. The center is working on removing the PVC piping that sections off the playground equipment. Removing the pipe will cause turf to not meet creating a gap and potential tripping hazard. Turf is on back order due to plants being closed for COVID. The director is researching other options.

Food Service

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

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations **Met**

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Staff stated proper handwashing procedures for staff and children.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **Met**

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting **Met**

Comment

Discussed reporting requirements.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **N/A**

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **N/A**

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 06/04/2019

Staff # 2 Met

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 11/04/2019

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 02/18/2014

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 01/25/2010

Staff # 6 Met

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 10/03/2019

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 01/24/2011

Staff # 9 Met

Records Reviewed: 18**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 06/01/2020

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 11/10/2018

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 09/06/1999

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 09/06/1999

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 09/03/2019

Staff # 14 Met

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2019

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 06/09/2015

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2017

Staff # 18 Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training for the 2019 year.

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 walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on September 30, 2021.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.