



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/28/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 11:20 AM

CCLC-29762

Beth Jacob Preschool

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Quality Rated: No

| 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. |
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| 04/28/2021 | Licensing Study | Good Standing | |
| 10/22/2020 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
| 12/09/2019 | 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 | A-1 | | 0 | 0 | C | 17 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | B-2 | Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds | 2 | 10 | C | 17 | C | NA | NA | Snack |
| Main | C-3 | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2 | 10 | C | 17 | C | NA | NA | Outside |
| Main | D-4 | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2 | 12 | C | 17 | C | NA | NA | Outside |
| Main | E-1 | PreK | 2 | 13 | C | 16 | C | NA | NA | Transitioning |
| Main | E-2 | Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds | 2 | 12 | C | 14 | C | NA | NA | Snack |
| Main | F-7 | Infants | 2 | 6 | C | 12 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | G-8 | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds | 2 | 9 | C | 10 | C | NA | NA | Circle Time, Diapering, Outside, Transitioning |
| Main | H-9 | Two Year Olds | 2 | 12 | C | 14 | C | NA | NA | Outside |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 134 | | | | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 84 | | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 134 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main | A-3-4 yrs | 40 | C |
| Main | B-4 mos-35 mos | 23 | C |

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on April 28, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed.

A virtual inspection was conducted on April 28, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on March 31, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

The infant feeding plan was discussed with the Director during the virtual visits, for rule changes effective October 01, 2020.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/28/2021

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.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

Roberta grossblatt, 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

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the Center. Cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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: 5

Child # 1 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 2 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 3 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 4 Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on a review of records that five of five children's files were missing the parent's work address and the release person's address.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2021

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)

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2020

Corrected on 4/28/2021

.25(13) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that there were no low hanging cords from lamps or musical equipment in the B, two-year-old classroom, C, three-year-old classroom and E, Pre-K classroom accessible to children.

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.15(2)(c) - Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2021

Comment

591-1-1-.15(7) - Discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2021

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| Health and Hygiene |
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591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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| Safety |
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591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

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 Director 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 transportation.

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2020

Corrected on 4/28/2021

.30(4) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that the mats in classroom A-two-year-old classroom, and classroom D-three-year-old classroom were stored without touching any other mats or bedding.

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| Staff Records |
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Records Reviewed: 20

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

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|--|---|
| Staff # 1 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 12/19/2018 | |
| Staff # 2 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 09/01/2019 | |
| Staff # 3 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 01/04/2021 | |
| Staff # 4 | Met |
| Staff # 5 | Not Met |
| <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> | |
| .33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training | |
| Staff # 6 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 04/19/2021 | <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u> |
| Staff # 7 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/30/2018 | |
| Staff # 8 | Met |
| Staff # 9 | Not Met |
| <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> | |
| .33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training | |
| Staff # 10 | Met |
| Staff # 11 | Met |
| Staff # 12 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 12/18/2018 | |
| Staff # 13 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/14/2013 | |
| Staff # 14 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/24/2018 | |

Staff # 15 Not Met
 Date of Hire: 08/15/2008
"Missing/Incomplete Components"
 .33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 16 Met

Staff # 17 Met
 Date of Hire: 08/15/2008

Staff # 18 Met

Staff # 19 Not Met
"Missing/Incomplete Components"
 .33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training

Staff # 20 Met
 Date of Hire: 04/19/2021 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 10

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

Comment
 Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Not Met

Correction Deadline: 10/29/2020

Corrected on 4/28/2021
.33(3) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on a review of records all staff members had completed the health and safety orientation training as required.

Finding
 91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on review of records that staff #5, staff #9, staff #15 and staff #19 did not complete ten hours of training for the 2020 calendar year as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)
 The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2021

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| Staffing and Supervision |
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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.

Comment

591-1-1-.32(7) - Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2021