



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/21/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:30 PM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-30205

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/21/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
10/07/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing
05/02/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

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.

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	1st Left-A	Infants	2	1	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	1st Right-E	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2nd Left-B	One Year Olds	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2nd Right-F		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	3rd Left-C		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	3rd Right-G	Four Year Olds	2	15	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	4th Left-D	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Upstairs 1st Left-H		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	Upstairs 1st Right-M		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	Upstairs 2nd Left-I		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	Upstairs 2nd Right-N		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	Upstairs 2nd Right-N		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Main	Upstairs 3rd Left-J		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Main	Upstairs 3rd Right-O		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Main	Upstairs 4th Left-K		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Main	Upstairs 4th Left-K		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Main	Upstairs 4th Right-P		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Main	Upstairs 5th Left-L		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 168

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 45

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 168

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd-Large	182	C
Main	Plgd-small	23	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on July 21, 2020. Staff criminal record checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on July 27, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on July 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual visit.

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.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

Lauren Rooks, Program Official

Date

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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)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed during the virtual walk through on this date. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2020

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2020

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2020

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Defer****Defer**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person.

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: 10/7/2019

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

No immediately safety hazards were observed on the outdoor playground. The indoor playground is not currently using due to COVID-19.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2020

Food Service

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

Defer

Defer

A Virtual Visit was conducted on July 27, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will inspect feeding equipment to ensure it meets each of the listed criteria and to verify a feeding chair or equipment is provided for each child who requires one. The Center will train staff and monitor to ensure that the feeding equipment is cleaned with a disinfectant after each use.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2019

Defer

A Virtual Visit was conducted on July 27, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will use individual food service items to serve food and beverages.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Handwashing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2020

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Handwashing requirements were discussed with the Director. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2020

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2020

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License**Defer****Defer**

A Virtual Visit was conducted on July 27, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

An application for amendment and all necessary documentation will be submitted.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2019

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Defer****Defer**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The rule citation will be deferred until the next regulatory visit due to the rule being suspended.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2019

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding discipline were discussed with the Director on this date. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be evaluated the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2020

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2020

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2020

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 11**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 07/26/2010

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 07/02/2010	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 06/05/2017	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 12/18/2017	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 08/13/2018	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 06/09/2014	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 01/04/2010	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 07/31/2019	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 02/12/2016	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 02/03/2020	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 03/20/2017	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6

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

Comment

An Administrative Review was conducted on July 20, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on a staff listed provided by the center director all staff have a satisfactory comprehensive background check.

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

Correction Deadline: 11/6/2019

Corrected on 7/20/2020
.33(4) - Citation corrected.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) **Not Evaluated**

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2020

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2020

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Supervision was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding supervision were discussed with the Director on this date. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be evaluated the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2020