



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/16/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:10 AM **Departure:** 12:50 PM

CCLC-30862

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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.
05/16/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/31/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/12/2018	Licensing Study	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	Back	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	5	19	C	21	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Free Play, Diapering
Main	Front	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	26	C	32	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			53		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			
Total # Children this Date: 45			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/16/2019

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.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.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.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.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.ga.gov

Mrs. Blocker, 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-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(3) requires the Center to offer opportunities for each child to make choices in a variety of activities. It was determined, based on observation, that no activities were offered to children sitting at tables for more than five minutes while the class in the Front Classroom were going to the bathroom and washing hands on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to offer a variety of activity choices for each child. The Center will monitor regularly to ensure this is done.

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2019

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2018

Corrected on 5/16/2019

.12(4) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the Center had no stacked chairs accessible to children on this date.

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.

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 on observation, that a bottle of Mr. Clean Bath Cleaner was observed accessible to children beside the handwashing sink in the Back Classroom on this date. It was further determined that spray bottles of Bleach water solution and soapy water solution was observed on the diapering surface near a child's head on this date.

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: 5/16/2019**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined, based on observation, that a hole measuring one-fourth inch in diameter was observed on the back wall near the bulletin board in the Back Classroom on this date. It was further determined that the Center was missing handles on the cabinets under the handwashing sink where a screw was exposed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2019

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Correction Deadline: 7/31/2018****Corrected on 5/16/2019****.26(6) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the playground equipment was observed to be in good repair and free of hazards on this date.****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined, based on observation, that grass and weeds were observed growing throughout the resilient surface beneath a slide measuring three feet tall, which prevented the surfacing from continuing resiliency on this date. Three inches of resilient surfacing was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2019**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined, based on observation, that the following potential hazards were observed on the playground:

- An active ant bed was observed in the front of the playground by the wooden barrier on this date.
- Ants were observed in the wooden barrier on the right side of the playground near the splitting of the wooden barrier on this date.
- The wood barrier was observed to be splitting and had sharp edges on the right side of the playground.
- Two holes were observed under the fencing on the left side of the playground measuring between four and five inches deep and twelve to seventeen inches long on this date.
- Weed fabric was observed exposed on the back of the playground near the wooden barrier, which posed as a potential tripping hazard on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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) Not Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined, based on review of records, that the director and the driver were lacking evidence of current completion of the two hour Transportation Training on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Director, Center Staff, and any person responsible for the transportation of children has completed the required transportation training.

Correction Deadline: 5/26/2019

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - The consultant discussed with the director ensuring that all crib sheets have tight-fitting sheets, as six of eight crib sheets on unoccupied cribs were observed to be loose-fitting on this date. The director replaced the crib sheets during the visit.

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2019

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 5

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 04/19/2005	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 01/12/2004 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .36(3)(a-b)-2 hrs. Transportation Training missing	Not Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 06/27/2013	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 01/12/2004 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .36(3)(a-b)-2 hrs. Transportation Training missing	Not Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 10/29/2018 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate	Not Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 07/23/2018 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate	Not Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 12/15/2018 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate	Not Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/09/2010	Met

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 11/06/2017

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided three files for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety training at the time of employment that will count toward required annual training: Staff employed prior to September 30, 2016 will complete the training by December 29, 2016 and Staff employed after September 30, 2016 will complete the health and safety training within the first 90 days of employment. It was determined, based on review of records, that three staff, hired in July 2018, October 2018, and December 2018, were lacking evidence of completing the Health and Safety Orientation Training, which is required within the first 90 days of employment.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates.

Correction Deadline: 6/15/2019

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) - The consultant discussed with the director ensuring staff are directly supervising children, especially during transition times, as one staff in the Front Classroom were observed assisting children in the bathroom while another staff was assisting children at the handwashing sink with their back turned to the children sitting at the tables waiting to transition to another activity on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/16/2019