



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/26/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
01/26/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
07/22/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
01/09/2020	MV POI Follow Up	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	A1-1st Right	Infants	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Main	A2-2nd Right	One Year Olds	1	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	A3-3rd Right		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	A4-4th Right		0	0	C	15	C	21	C	
Main	A5-5th Right	Six Year Olds and Over	1	23	C	30	C	42	C	Homework
Main	A6-5th Left	Three Year Olds	1	15	NC	25	C	35	C	Centers
Main	B1-1st Left		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Main	B2-2nd Left	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	10	NC	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	B3-3rd Left		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	B4-4th Left		0	0	C	20	C	27	C	
Main	B5-6th Right	Four Year Olds	1	17	C	25	C	35	C	Centers
Main	B6-6th Left		0	0	C	24	C	34	C	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 219

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 274

Total # Children this Date: 85

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd-A1	12	C
Main	Plgd-A2	128	C
Main	Plgd-B1	14	C
Main	Plgd-B2	96	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on January 26, 2021. Criminal Record Checks were reviewed for all staff. A virtual visit was conducted on January 27, 2021 with the center Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued August 15, 2020 was discussed.

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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.state.ga.us.

- 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.state.ga.us/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

Tanya Buffington, 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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

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

Cleaning and disinfecting of toys and equipment was discussed.

Correction Deadline: 1/25/2021

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Facility

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

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

Licensing Capacity Requirements discussed.

Correction Deadline: 1/25/2021

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

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

Consultant discussed keeping hazards inaccessible to children in care.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

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

Playground hazards were discussed. Playground were observed during the virtual walk through.

Correction Deadline: 1/25/2021**Food Service**

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

New infant feeding plan discussed.

Correction Deadline: 1/25/2021**Health and Hygiene**

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

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

Diapering procedures discussed.

Correction Deadline: 1/25/2021

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

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

Handwashing procedures discussed.

Correction Deadline: 1/25/2021

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Required reporting requirements discussed.

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2021**Safety**

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

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

Discipline was not directly observed. Regulations regarding discipline were discussed.

Correction Deadline: 1/25/2021

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

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

Safe sleep requirements discussed. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats/cots and sheets discussed.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2021

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that if sheets are left on mats they are stored so they are not touching.

Correction Deadline: 2/5/2021

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 15**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 11/07/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 11/16/2017	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 11/02/2020	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 12/03/2007	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 11/07/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 06/27/2016	
Staff # 7	Met

Records Reviewed: 15

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 06/10/2019

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 03/23/2015

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 12/04/2019

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 06/10/2019

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 03/26/2018

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 10/29/2020

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 08/17/2020

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2015

Staff # 15 Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Comment

All current staff members have a satisfactory criminal record check

Correction Deadline: 1/25/2021

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) Not Met

Technical Assistance

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic discussed. The center was in compliance with the Executive Order discussed and the center was in compliance.

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)3.(i) requires that newly hired teachers who do not possess the educational and qualifying child care experience requirements must enroll in a program of study to obtain one of the educational credentials and qualifying experience requirements as required by these rules within six months after employment at the Center and complete the credential or degree within 18 months after enrollment. It was determined based on a review of records that the center has one lead teacher meeting the academic requirements for the nine classrooms that are in use.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that all teachers will comply with the educational and qualifying child care experience requirements.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2021

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

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

Ratio guidelines discussed.

Correction Deadline: 1/25/2021

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

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

Supervision requirements and new mealtime supervision requirements discussed.

Correction Deadline: 1/25/2021