



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 2/6/2018    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 10:55 AM    **Departure:** 1:45 PM

**CCLC-32499**

**McIntosh Trail ECDC Head Start**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
02/06/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/25/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/28/2017	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	1sr R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	1st L		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA		
Main	2nd L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	2nd R	PreK	2	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch	
Main	3rd L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Music	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 96						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 50						Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 96					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/06/2018

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).



**Reminder:** All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com). You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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](mailto: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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

Kristina Laster, Program Official

Date

Patty Malone, Consultant

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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.

**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

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

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26 - The consultant discussed fluffing and redistributing the resilient surface beneath the slide fall zones and the maintenance of the metal handles on the climbing structures.

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**Food Service**

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

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

**Comment**

The director stated that the center has not administered any medications since the last visit.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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

**Comment**

The consultant observed the required emergency drills for the center.

**Correction Deadline: 2/11/2018**

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**Safety**

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

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

**Comment**

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

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

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed. The center does not currently care for children that require an infant crib for sleeping.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 13**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

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Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2017	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/15/2005	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/16/2014	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 10/01/2005	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/17/2016	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 04/16/2010	
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Not Met
Date of Hire: 10/03/2017	

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

**Records Reviewed: 13**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 08/16/2005	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/06/2010	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 02/28/2018	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 08/19/2005	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 13**

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training for 2017.

**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 a review of records that the center had one staff member hired more than ninety days without documentation of the required health and safety training.

**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: 3/8/2018**

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

**Comment**

Staff met requirements on this date.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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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.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.