



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/17/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 7:30 AM **Departure:** 9:00 AM

CCLC-32499

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/17/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
10/30/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing
04/15/2019	Licensing Study	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	1sr R		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	1st L		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	2nd L		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	2nd R		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	3rd L		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 96						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 96			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/Toddler	9	C
Main	Large	94	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on September 17, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on September 21, 2020 with the 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 during the virtual inspection.

New rules starting October 1, 2020 were discussed with the provider during the virtual inspection. A copy of the new infant feeding plan was emailed to the provider on September 21, 2020.

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

Kristina Laster, 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)

Not Evaluated

Comment

A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit. The center has no children present as they are doing virtual learning.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit. The center has no children present as they are doing virtual learning.

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2020

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

Met

Comment

A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit. The center has no children present as they are doing virtual learning.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2020

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit. The center has no children present as they are doing virtual learning.

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2020

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit. The center has no children present as they are doing virtual learning.

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

A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit. The center has no children present as they are doing virtual learning.

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2020

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

A virtual visit was conducted on this date. Discipline was not directly observed as the center is doing virtual learning. Regulations regarding discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2020

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit. The center has no children present as they are doing virtual learning.

Correction Deadline: 9/27/2020

Staff Records

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/06/2018	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 01/23/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/21/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 10/06/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/20/2018	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 08/22/2019	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2018	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 09/04/2019	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 01/11/2015	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 01/23/2019	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 01/18/2019	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 01/18/2019	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 08/19/2019	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 01/17/2019	

Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 01/17/2019	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 01/17/2015	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 01/18/2019	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 01/15/2019	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 01/30/2019	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 05/05/2014	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 01/24/2019	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 01/11/2019	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 09/12/2019	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 01/11/2019	Met
Staff # 27 Date of Hire: 07/02/2018	Met
Staff # 28 Date of Hire: 09/27/2019	Met
Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 01/03/2013	Met
Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 01/22/2015	Met
Staff # 31 Date of Hire: 01/23/2015	Met

Staff # 32 Date of Hire: 01/24/2019	Met
Staff # 33 Date of Hire: 08/22/2019	Met
Staff # 34 Date of Hire: 01/28/2019	Met
Staff # 35 Date of Hire: 07/12/2019	Met
Staff # 36 Date of Hire: 01/17/2019	Met
Staff # 37 Date of Hire: 10/01/2005	Met
Staff # 38 Date of Hire: 02/22/2019	Met
Staff # 39 Date of Hire: 03/18/2019	Met
Staff # 40 Date of Hire: 08/01/2018	Met
Staff # 41 Date of Hire: 08/01/2015	Met
Staff # 42 Date of Hire: 01/10/2015	Met
Staff # 43 Date of Hire: 01/22/2015	Met
Staff # 44 Date of Hire: 09/30/2015	Met
Staff # 45 Date of Hire: 08/06/2010	Met
Staff # 46	Met
Staff # 47	Met

Date of Hire: 01/24/2019

Staff # 48 Met

Date of Hire: 02/18/2019

Staff # 49 Met

Date of Hire: 01/17/2019

Staff # 50 Met

Date of Hire: 08/07/2018

Staff # 51 Met

Date of Hire: 01/31/2019

Staff # 52 Met

Date of Hire: 02/08/2019

Staff # 53 Met

Date of Hire: 01/29/2015

Staff # 54 Met

Date of Hire: 09/17/2017

Staff # 55 Met

Date of Hire: 07/22/2019

Staff # 56 Met

Date of Hire: 09/03/2019

Staff # 57 Met

Date of Hire: 02/24/2020

Staff # 58 Met

Date of Hire: 01/25/2019

Staff # 59 Met

Date of Hire: 10/17/2018

Staff # 60 Met

Date of Hire: 01/22/2019

Staff # 61 Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2019

Staff # 62 Met

Date of Hire: 09/05/2019

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-10 pandemic were discussed during the virtual walk through on this date. The program currently has no children present at the center is doing virtual learning.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed the next regulatory visit. The center has no children present as they are doing virtual learning.

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2020

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

Met

Comment

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