



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/30/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:20 AM

Departure: 1:20 PM

CCLC-32499

McIntosh Trail ECDC Head Start

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
10/30/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing
04/15/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/29/2018	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	1sr R	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	1st L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	2nd L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	NC	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	2nd R	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	8	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap,Circle Time
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: 36			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 10/30/2019

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.decal.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@decal.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://decal.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.decal.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@decal.ga.gov

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed to ensure crock pots are secured if they are going to be used.

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2019

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

Met

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that full addresses are listed for emergency contacts.

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2019

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed keeping hazards inaccessible as in the 1st Left classroom a drawer was unlocked with trash bags.

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed that since the 2nd Right Classroom houses diapering children an amendment would need to be submitted to change the room from a non-diapering room to a diapering room.

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2019

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 17****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/06/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 10/06/2018	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/22/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/19/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 05/05/2014	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 09/27/2019	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 01/03/2013	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 01/28/2019	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 10/01/2005	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 03/18/2019	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 09/30/2015	

Records Reviewed: 17

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 13 Met
Date of Hire: 08/06/2010

Staff # 14 Met
Date of Hire: 02/18/2019

Staff # 15 Met
Date of Hire: 09/17/2017

Staff # 16 Met
Date of Hire: 09/03/2019

Staff # 17 Met
Date of Hire: 10/17/2018

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.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Comment
Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

Comment
Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.