



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/15/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 7:00 AM **Departure:** 8:00 AM

CCLC-32499

McIntosh Trail ECDC Head Start

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
01/15/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/17/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
10/30/2019	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 January 15, 2021 all criminal record checks were reviewed. A virtual visit was completed on January 21, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not completed 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/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.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

Brandi Mangino, Consultant

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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

There were no children present on this date as the center is doing virtual learning. Cleaning and disinfecting of toys and equipment was discussed with the director on this date.

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

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

There were no children present on this date as the center is doing virtual learning. Proper licensing capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2021

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

There were no children present on this date as the center is doing virtual learning. Keeping hazards inaccessible to children in care when they return was discussed with the director on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2021

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

There were no children present on this date as the center is doing virtual learning. Playground hazards were discussed with the director on this date. No immediate safety hazards were observed on the playground.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2021

Food Service

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The new infant feeding plan was discussed with the Director.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

There were no children present on this date as the center is doing virtual learning. Diapering requirements were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2021

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

There were no children present on this date as the center is doing virtual learning. Handshaking requirements were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2021

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

New required reporting requirements were discussed with the Director.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2021

Safety

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

There were no children present on this date as the center is doing virtual learning. Regulations regarding discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2021

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

There were no children present on this date as the center is doing virtual learning. Safe sleep procedures were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 35**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 01/14/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 01/22/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 07/06/2018	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/21/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 10/06/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/22/2019	
Staff # 8	Met

Date of Hire: 01/18/2019

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 08/19/2019

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 02/05/2018

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 01/17/2015

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 01/18/2019

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 01/15/2019

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 05/05/2014

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 01/24/2019

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 01/11/2019

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 01/11/2019

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 04/18/1994

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 09/27/2019

Staff # 20 Met

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 01/23/2015

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2005

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 03/18/2019

Records Reviewed: 35

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 08/01/2018	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 09/30/2015	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 08/06/2010	Met
Staff # 27	Met
Staff # 28 Date of Hire: 02/18/2019	Met
Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 01/29/2015	Met
Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 09/17/2017	Met
Staff # 31 Date of Hire: 07/22/2019	Met
Staff # 32 Date of Hire: 09/03/2019	Met
Staff # 33 Date of Hire: 02/24/2020	Met
Staff # 34 Date of Hire: 10/17/2018	Met
Staff # 35 Date of Hire: 01/22/2019	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

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

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed. The center has no children attending in person at this time.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

There were no children present on this date as the center is doing virtual learning. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

There were no children present on this date as the center is doing virtual learning. Proper supervision regulations were discussed with the director on this date. Consultant discussed the new rules with supervision and meal times.

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