



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 8/5/2020    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:00 AM    **Departure:** 11:00 AM

**CCLC-32922**

**Small World Child Care Center**

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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.
08/05/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/26/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/13/2019	Licensing Study	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	1L/Pre-K	Four Year Olds	1	16	C	19	C	26	C	Centers
Main	2L	Three Year Olds	1	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3L	One Year Olds	1	8	C	17	C	24	C	Centers
Main	4L	Infants	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Middle	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	25	C	35	C	Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 96						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 120				
Total # Children this Date: 68			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 96			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 120				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	0	C

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on August 5, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A Virtual Inspection was conducted on August 11, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued July 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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.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](mailto: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](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

Jessica Crawford, 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-.03 Activities

Not Evaluated

#### Comment

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

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2020**

#### 591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to COVID-19 pandemic were all discussed during the virtual walk through. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2020**

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

Met

#### Comment

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

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2020**

### Facility

#### 591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Evaluated

#### Comment

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

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2020**

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

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

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2020**

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

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

**Correction Deadline: 8/28/2020**

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical****Met****Comment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2020**

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

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

The playground was observed during the virtual walk through to have no immediate safety hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2020**

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<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Not Evaluated****Comment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2020**

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Not Evaluated****Comment**

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

The kitchen was observed during the virtual walk through to be clean with no visible hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2020**

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<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Not Evaluated****Comment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2020**

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements due to COVID-19 pandemic were all discussed during the virtual walk through. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2020**

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Handwashing requirements were discussed with the Director on this date. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2020**

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

Based on an Administrative Review August 4, 2020 the Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

<b>Organization</b>
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**591-1-1-.04 Admission and Enrollment****Not Evaluated****Comment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2020**

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**591-1-1-.38 Enforcement****Not Evaluated****Comment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2020**

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**591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License****Not Evaluated****Comment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 8/12/2020**

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**591-1-1-.37 Inspections & Investigations****Not Evaluated****Comment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2020**

<b>Policies and Procedures</b>
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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Not Evaluated****Comment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 8/3/2020**

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**591-1-1-.22 Parental Access****Not Evaluated****Comment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2020**

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**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices****Not Evaluated****Comment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2020**

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**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Not Evaluated****Comment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2020**

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<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Not Evaluated****Comment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2020**

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulation regarding discipline were discussed with the Director on this date. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2020**

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****Met****Comment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2020**

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

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

**Correction Deadline: 8/3/2020**

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## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Evaluated

### Comment

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

**Correction Deadline: 8/8/2020**

## Staff Records

**Records Reviewed: 14**

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

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 07/22/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 01/02/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/2016	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2003	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/2012	
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/2020	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 06/19/2019	
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2006	
Staff # 14	Met

Date of Hire: 10/25/2018

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5**

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

**Correction Deadline: 9/26/2019**

**Corrected on 8/5/2020**

.09(1)(c) - Based on an Administrative Review August 4, 2020 all staff listed were observed to have a comprehensive background check.

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Met**

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

**591-1-1-.28 Prohibited Substances Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2020**

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met**

**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

**Comment**

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed during the virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued July 15, 2020.

**Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

**Staffing and Supervision**

**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2020**

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Supervision was not directly observed. Regulation regarding supervision were discussed with the Director on this date. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

**Correction Deadline: 7/29/2020**