



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 8/11/2021    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 12:30 PM    **Departure:** 2:00 PM

**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.
08/11/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/04/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/01/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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	PreK	2	20	C	19	NC	26	C	Circle Time
Main	2L	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3L	One Year Olds	2	14	C	17	C	24	C	Centers
Main	4L	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	Middle	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	25	C	35	C	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 96						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 120				
Total # Children this Date: 70			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 completed on August 11, 2021. A virtual visit was conducted with the Center Director on August 12, 2021.

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](mailto: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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

Julie Love, 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****Met****Comment**

Observed current lesson plans and daily schedule.

**Correction Deadline: 8/11/2021**

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)****Met****Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

**Comment**

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)****Not Evaluated****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

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**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records****Met****Comment**

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

**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**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that infant feeding plans list the child's full name.

**Correction Deadline: 8/11/2021**

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

**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**

Handwashing requirements discussed.

**Correction Deadline: 8/11/2021**

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

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<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 20****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/10/2020

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 07/22/2020

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2016

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 02/22/2021

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/2003

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 07/27/2020

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2012

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 10/19/2020

**Records Reviewed: 20****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 08/02/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 08/02/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 10/10/2020	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 01/07/2021	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 01/05/2021	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 06/19/2019	
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Staff # 18	Met
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2006	
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 06/15/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6**


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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Comment**

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

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

**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

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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**

**Correction Deadline: 2/1/2021**

**Corrected on 8/11/2021**

**.32(7) - Citation corrected.**