



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/4/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 11:30 AM

CCLC-32922

Small World Child Care Center

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
02/04/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/01/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
08/05/2020	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	PreK	2	21	C	19	NC	26	C	Circle Time
Main	2L	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	18	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	3L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	15	C	17	C	24	C	Centers
Main	4L	Infants and One Year Olds	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Main	Middle	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	17	C	25	C	35	C	Art, Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 96						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 120				
Total # Children this Date: 79			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 February 4, 2021. Criminal record checks were reviewed for all staff members. A virtual visit was conducted on February 8, 2021 with the center Director. An in person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued August 15, 2021 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.al.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@dec.al.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://dec.al.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.dec.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov

Jessica Crawford, 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

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

Cleaning and disinfecting of toys and equipment were discussed with the Director.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2021

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

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

Licensing Capacity requirements were discussed with the Director.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2021

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

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

Keeping hazards inaccessible to children in care was discussed with the Director.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2021

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

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

Playground hazards were discussed with the Director. Center playgrounds were observed.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

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

Diapering guidelines were discussed with the Director.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2021

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

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

Handwashing guidelines were discussed with the Director.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2021

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.

Correction Deadline: 3/6/2021

Safety

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

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

Discipline guidelines were discussed with the Director.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2021

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Technical Assistance

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

Safe sleep and resting guidelines as well as cleaning and disinfecting of mats/cots and sheets were discussed with the Director.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2021

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/10/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/22/2020	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/10/2020	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/2016	
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	
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 01/27/2021	

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 01/04/2021	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 01/07/2021	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 01/05/2021	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 06/19/2019	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 05/01/2006	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Comment

All current staff have a satisfactory criminal record check.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2021

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

Technical Assistance

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed. Compliance with the Executive Order issued August 15, 2020 was discussed and the center was in compliance.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2021

Staffing and Supervision

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

Technical Assistance

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

Ratio guidelines were discussed with the Director.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2021

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

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

Supervision guidelines and the new mealtime supervision guidelines were discussed with the Director.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2021