



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/22/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:35 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-33136

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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.
01/22/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/21/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/06/2019	Monitoring Visit	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
One	A		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
One	B	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	6	C	19	C	27	C	Circle Time
One	C		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 33			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 53							
Two	Modular	PreK	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 21			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 53							
Total # Children this Date: 23			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 54			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 53				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
One	PG Toddler	72	C
One	Playground	72	C

Comments

Please be sure to review the rules and regulations for updates.
 Provided the updated orientation checklist to the director.
 Discussed regarding ensuring that a director is assigned for the center that is not a director at another facility.
 Please ensure that all staff's letters are available electronically or a paper copy.
 Gave a copy of the foreign credentia verification.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/22/2020

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/RuleAndRegulations.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

Glovenia Harris, Program Official

Date

Dianne Clarke, 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)

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2019

Corrected on 1/22/2020

.08(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that all of the information were corrected in the children's files.

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that hazards were observed to be accessible in the following areas:

Modular: In an unlocked closet, a vacuum and broom and dust pan were observed to be accessible. A plunger was also observed in the girls bathroom.

B: An intercom was observed hanging from a nail and not secured. The cord was also not secured to the wall.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items. The staff removed the plunger immediately.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2020**Recited on 1/22/2020**

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that there were two holes on the red and tan play structure. One hole had a crack on it at the top right side of the structure and the other hole was located on the bottom of the right side of the play structure where a piece was missing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2020**Correction Deadline: 8/23/2019****Corrected on 1/22/2020**

.26(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the end of the PVC pipe was sealed.

Health and Hygiene

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

There were no diapered children enrolled in the program on this date. Proper diaper facilities were observed with warm running water and proper ventilation.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication since the last visit.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Correction Deadline: 8/21/2019****Corrected on 1/22/2020****.27 - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the emergency plans were observed.****Safety**

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 8/26/2019****Corrected on 1/22/2020****.36(4)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the inspection was observed for the current vehicle used with the tag number CME 7358. The inspection was completed on October 28, 2019.****Correction Deadline: 8/22/2019****Corrected on 1/22/2020****.36(7)(c)3. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the times were recorded during the week of January 6, 2020 and January 13, 2020.****Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****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: 1**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 04/09/2008

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 8/21/2019****Corrected on 1/22/2020****.09(1)(j) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that all staff were observed to be electronically ported and all staff were observed to have a comprehensive background check.**

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of records that staff #8 did not have current evidence of CPR. The course was observed to be completed online.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 2/21/2020

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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.