



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/5/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 11:30 AM

CCLC-33581

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Quality Rated: No

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.
11/05/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/13/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/30/2019	Complaint Investigation & 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	Dn D - 3rd Rt	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Dn E - 2nd Rt	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	9	C	10	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Dn F - 2nd Lt	One Year Olds	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Dn G - 1st Lt	PreK	2	14	C	15	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Dn H - 1st Rt	PreK	1	6	C	7	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Dn I - 4th Rt	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	11	C	NA	NA	Music,Circle Time
Main	Up A - 1st Lt	Infants	3	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Up B - 2nd Lt	Infants and One Year Olds	3	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Free Play
Main	Up C - 1st Rt After-School	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	3	11	C	50	C	NA	NA	Homework
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 149						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 89			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 149			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PLAYGROUND	96	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on November 05, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on November 05, 2020 with the Director.

An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

The infant feeding plan was discussed with the Director during the virtual visits, for rule changes effective October 01, 2020.

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.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

Anna Kelly, 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the Center. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(1)-Emergency Contact information Missing	
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(1) - Please ensure all forms include telephone numbers of the person(s) to whom the child may be released.

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2020

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by Center. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020.

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

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements were discussed with the Director on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

N/A

Comment

The Director currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Pleasant nap time environment observed. SIDS and infant sleeping position was also discussed with the Director.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 27**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 04/30/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2017	
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 09/12/2018	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 09/13/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 01/01/2009	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/15/2019	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 09/30/2019	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 04/17/2019	
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2018	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 01/03/2019	
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2015	

Records Reviewed: 27

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 08/14/2020	Met
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 01/01/2013	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 01/02/2018	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 08/01/2012	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 10/05/2016	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 06/01/2018	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 06/14/2013	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 09/18/2012	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 04/23/2018	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 09/03/2019	Met
Staff # 26	Met
Staff # 27 Date of Hire: 10/05/2015	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 20

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.