



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/18/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:15 PM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

CCLC-33581

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
04/18/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/28/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing
04/10/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

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.

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 C - 4th Rt	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Dn D - 3rd Rt	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	21	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Dn E - 2nd Rt	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Dn F - 2nd Lt	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Dn G - 1st Lt	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	15	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Dn H - 1st Rt	Four Year Olds	1	6	C	7	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Up A - 1st Lt	Infants	2	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Up B - 2nd Lt	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	14	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 99

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 96

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 99

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PLAYGROUND	96	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and to follow-up from previous visit on November 28, 2017.

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).



Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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@decals.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://decals.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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decals.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@decals.ga.gov

Anna Kelly, Program Official

Date

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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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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)

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/30/2017

Corrected on 4/18/2018

.26(4) - The previous citation has been corrected on this date. The consultant observed the fence to measure more than three feet and six inches. The consultant also observed the left side bottom exit gate to be fixed and covered with black material. The consultant encouraged the director and the assistant director to monitor the fence for the required fencing measurements to measure four feet high.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures. Great job!

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

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of hand washing procedures.

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

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **N/A**

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 27

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 01/01/2009	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 01/02/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 04/01/2008	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 06/17/2014	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 05/20/2013	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 01/01/2018	

Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 10/05/2016	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 03/26/2018	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 08/01/2012	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 10/27/2015	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/01/2017	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 04/09/2018	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 06/14/2013	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 05/10/2016	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 03/01/2015	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 11/01/2016	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 08/01/2006	Met
Staff # 18	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 04/01/2012	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 10/05/2015	Met
Staff # 21	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 01/01/2013	Met

Records Reviewed: 27

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 11/09/2015	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 09/18/2012	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 03/12/2018	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 08/01/2017	Met
Staff # 27	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 27

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR) **Met**

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. The assistant director provided five files for employees hired since last visit.

Correction Deadline: 11/28/2017

Corrected on 4/18/2018

.09(1)(a) - The previous citation has been corrected on this date. The consultant observed the employee to have a comprehensive satisfactory determination letter on file.

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

Correction Deadline: 12/29/2017

Corrected on 4/18/2018

.33(3) - The previous citation has been corrected on this date. The consultant observed the two employees to have completed the health and safety training.

Defer

591-1-1-.33(6)-The consultant will observe all employees required ten hours of annual training for the calendar year of 2017 at the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 12/28/2017

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

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.