



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/21/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:55 AM **Departure:** 11:55 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.
06/21/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/19/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/18/2018	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
Main	Dn D - 3rd Rt	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Dn E - 2nd Rt	Five Year Olds	2	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Dn F - 2nd Lt	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Dn G - 1st Lt	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	13	C	15	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Dn H - 1st Rt	Four Year Olds	1	7	C	7	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Dn I - 4th Rt	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	11	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Diapering
Main	Up A - 1st Lt	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Up B - 2nd Lt	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Up C - 1st Rt After-School	Six Year Olds and Over	1	10	C	50	C	NA	NA	Transitioning

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 149

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 95

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 149

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PLAYGROUND	96	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/21/2019

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/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.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

Anna Kelly, Program Official

Date

Laurel Benta, 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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

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

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the back fence facing Clairemont Road measured three feet ten inches.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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: 10/15/2018	

Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 05/20/2013	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 09/12/2018	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 04/30/2019	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 01/01/2018	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 10/05/2016	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/01/2012	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 04/23/2018	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 06/14/2013	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 05/01/2018	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 04/17/2019	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 01/03/2019	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 03/01/2015	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 11/01/2016	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 08/01/2006	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 04/01/2012	Met

Records Reviewed: 27

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 10/05/2015	Met
Staff # 22	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 01/01/2013	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 Date of Hire: 06/01/2018	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 27

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

Met

Comment

The Assistant Director provided 3 files for employees hired since last visit.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2018

Corrected on 6/21/2019

.09(1)(j) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed a current comprehensive satisfactory determination letter on file for the employee.

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.