



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/6/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:00 PM **Departure:** 3:20 PM

CCLC-3455

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
11/06/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
04/26/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/22/2017	Complaint Closure	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 the 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	A (Primary)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	B (Infants)	Infants and One Year Olds	3	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play, Feeding, Nap	
Main	C (Toddlers)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			52			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		
Total # Children this Date:			21			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			52		
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	38	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow up from the previous visit on April 26, 2018.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/06/2018

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/Regulations.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

Sandra Hudson, 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

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) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25 - The consultant discussed the storage of teacher supplies in the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2018

Corrected on 11/6/2018

.25(13) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - The consultant discussed the maintenance of the right playground near the climbing structure.

Correction Deadline: 11/6/2018

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**

Staff stated proper hand washing practices.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that the center did not have documentation of fire drills being conducted in June and August of 2018. Additionally, the center did not have documentation of a lock down drill being conducted at the center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 11/30/2018**Recited on 11/6/2018**

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: 12**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/27/2018

Staff # 2

Met

Records Reviewed: 12**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 08/30/2015

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 10/03/2018

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 04/27/2018

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 01/26/2018

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 05/09/2017

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 05/07/2018

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2018

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 02/09/2018

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 01/26/2018

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 04/30/2018

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 08/28/2017

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met****Comment**

The center's person in charge provided files for six new staff hired since the last visit. Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR) Met**Correction Deadline: 4/26/2018****Corrected on 11/6/2018****.09(1)(a) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.****Correction Deadline: 4/26/2018**

Corrected on 11/6/2018

.09(1)(i) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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.