



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/14/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:35 PM **Departure:** 3:10 PM

CCLC-35493

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
01/14/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/17/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing
04/09/2019	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	A 1st Left Blue	Two Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	3	28	C	30	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Nap
Main	B 2nd Left Green	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	28	C	30	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Nap
Main	C 3rd Left Mint	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	3	20	C	30	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Nap
Main	D 1st right Daisy	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	31	C	NA	NA	Nap,Free Play
Main	E 2nd Right Tulip	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	17	C	30	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Nap
Main	F 3rd Rt Yellow	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	16	C	30	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 181						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 119			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 181			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG Front Rt Elementary	13	C
Main	PG Rear	165	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and to follow-up on citations from the visit conducted on September 17, 2019.

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.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

Pamela Thomas, 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)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2019

Corrected on 1/14/2020

.08(1) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as five of five children's records reviewed were observed to be complete. Further, physician's names and contact information were supplied.

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 - Consultant discussed with provider to ensure hazardous materials are kept out of the reach of children.

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

591-1-1-.26 - Consultant discussed with provider to ensure maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute once the rain stops and the ground has dried from recent rain.

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****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: 28****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 11/04/2013

Staff # 2 Met

Staff # 3 Met

Staff # 4 Met

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 04/30/2018

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 06/03/2019

Staff # 7 Met

Staff # 8 Met

Staff # 9 Met

Staff # 10 Met

Staff # 11 Met

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 01/06/2020

Staff # 13 Met

Staff # 14 Met

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 08/05/2019

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 01/06/2018

Staff # 17 Met

Staff # 18 Met

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 01/06/2019

Staff # 20 Met

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 07/24/2019

Records Reviewed: 28

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 22	Met
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 08/10/2009	
Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 02/10/2016	
Staff # 25	Met
Staff # 26	Met
Date of Hire: 07/20/2019	
Staff # 27	Met
Staff # 28	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2019

Corrected on 1/14/2020

.09(1)(a) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as criminal record checks requirements were observed to be complete. Further, each employee was observed to have submitted Record Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site.

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2019

Corrected on 1/14/2020

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as criminal record check requirements were observed to be complete. Further, no employees were observed to be present at the center while children were present for care without having a valid and satisfactory Comprehensive Record Check Determination.

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.