



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 8/6/2019    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:20 AM    **Departure:** 12:15 PM

**CCLC-35601**

**Childcare Network #219**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
08/06/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/14/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
03/12/2019	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
Building 2	Left side		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Building 2	Right Side A		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Building 2	Right Side B		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 40			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	1st Left	One Year Olds	2	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	1st Right A	Infants	1	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap
Main	1st Right B		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	2nd Left		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	2nd Right	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Back	Six Year Olds and Over	3	18	C	74	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 146			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 37			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 186			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG Infant	22	C
Main	PG School	72	C
Main	PG-Preschool	65	C

## Comments

The Consultant reviewed and discussed the Compliance and Determination Worksheet on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/06/2019

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.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](mailto: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.dec.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

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Anita Hughes, Program Official

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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-.03 Activities**

**Technical Assistance**

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The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure activities are planned and available to be reviewed.

**Correction Deadline: 8/6/2019**

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Correction Deadline: 4/11/2019**

**Corrected on 8/6/2019**

**The correction was observed on this date.**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.12(8) requires toys for children under three years of age to be age-appropriate; non-toxic and lead-free; too large to be swallowed by a child and not capable of causing asphyxiation or strangulation; free of sharp pieces, edges or points; free of small parts which may be pried off by a child, free of rust; and easily cleaned with a disinfectant daily. It was determined based on observation that the toys in the room on the first left and the room on the second right had toys that were not cleaned and disinfected on a daily basis. Further the toys in the first classroom on the right were not cleaned on a daily basis based on staff statements.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Center staff will provide age-appropriate toys and remove any toys that are not age-appropriate in each room housing children under three years of age. The Center will implement a plan to train Staff to regularly examine toys for the listed hazards and remove toys when hazards are identified and to clean toys with a disinfectant daily.

**Correction Deadline: 8/6/2019**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility**

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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Met****Comment**

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)****Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Not Met****Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019****Corrected on 8/6/2019****The correction was observed on this date.****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that these hazards were present:

**Back Room:**

Tiles throughout the rooms were cracked

Ceiling tile had a water stain present

**Second Building****Left Room:**

Toilet seat broken off and sharp edges were present

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 8/6/2019**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that these hazards were present on the playgrounds:

**Main A (Toddlers and Two-year-old's):**

Hole present on the right side of the first set of play equipment and sharp edges of concrete were present where the hole had been repaired.

PVC pipe around the second set of play equipment was broken and sharp edges were present.

**Main C:**

Mushrooms throughout the right side of the playground area that was located directly off of the sidewalk next to the three-year-old classroom.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards. The hole will be filled in with dirt and sod and the sharp edges will be removed from the concrete. The sharp edges on the PVC pipe will be covered. The mushrooms will be sprayed and killed and will then the playground will be checked daily to make sure mushrooms are not present.

**Correction Deadline: 8/13/2019****Recited on 8/6/2019**

<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition** **Met**

**Comment**

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations** **Met**

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

**Health and Hygiene**

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**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health** **Not Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019**

**Corrected on 8/6/2019**

**The correction was observed on this date.**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation that there were two infants that had pacifier clips attached to their clothing and a hazard was posed.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

**Correction Deadline: 8/6/2019**

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

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019**

**Corrected on 8/6/2019**

**The correction was observed on this date.**

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

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.05 Animals** **Met**

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection were observed on this date.

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

**Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019**

**Corrected on 8/6/2019**

**The correction was observed on this date.**

**Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019**

**Corrected on 8/6/2019**

**The correction was observed on this date.**

## Staff Records

**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 11/16/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**

**Met**

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

**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**

**Correction Deadline: 3/12/2019**

**Corrected on 8/6/2019**

**The correction was observed on this date. The appropriate amount of staff:children were present.**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times and that the persons supervising in the child care area be alert, able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the chaperones and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. It was determined based on observation that there were two teachers to five children in the first classroom on the left and the teachers were observed to be standing in the adjoining classroom at two different times during the visit and the children were not supervised. Further there was an infant in the first classroom on the right that was in the adjoining classroom alone and the consultant informed the staff member that an infant was unsupervised.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

**Correction Deadline: 8/6/2019**