



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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Date: 10/5/2018 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:00 PM

Departure: 1:15 PM

CCLC-35819

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation			<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.
10/05/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/02/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/07/2017	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	A	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	31	C	43	C	Nap
Main	B	Infants and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 46			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 58							
Total # Children this Date: 17			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 58							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/05/2018

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](mailto: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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

Eugenia Gillis, 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)

Met

#### Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

#### Comment

591-1-1-.26(9) It was determined the liner underneath the wood chips was exposed and the indoor/outdoor carpet was not flush to the ground which posed a possible tripping hazard. It was discussed that the items would be removed or adjusted.

**Correction Deadline: 10/5/2018**

### Health and Hygiene

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<b>591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas &amp; Practices(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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<b>591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge

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<b>591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Medication was not dispensed

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<b>Policies and Procedures</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies &amp; Procedures</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Correction Deadline: 4/7/2018**

**Corrected on 10/5/2018**

**.21(3) - Previous cite corrected.**

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<b>Safety</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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<b>591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)</b>	<b>Not Met</b>
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**Correction Deadline: 4/12/2018**

**Corrected on 10/5/2018**

**.36(3)(a-b) - previous cite corrected**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on observation of school transportation checklists for the week of September 24, 2018 that the load/unload of eleven children was not accounted for after PM transportation September 27, 2018 from Dobbs Elementary and after AM and PM transportation on September 28, 2018 from Dobbs Elementary.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

**Correction Deadline: 10/6/2018**

**Correction Deadline: 4/2/2018**

**Corrected on 10/5/2018**

**.36(7)(d)2. - Previous cite corrected.**

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<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 7****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 10/01/2015	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 01/01/2009	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/09/2011	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 05/04/2010	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2011	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 01/01/2017	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 04/06/2012	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7**

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

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Discussed rules and portability requirements.

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

591-1-1-.33(6)-Training will be reviewed on the next licensing visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Previously Cited: The center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of ongoing training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

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: 4/2/2018**

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Please ensure adequate staff is available to cover breaks and cover for staff that is out conducting transportation.

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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.