



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 8/5/2019    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:00 AM    **Departure:** 12:40 PM

**CCLC-36015**

**Josiah Christian School**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<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.
08/05/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/26/2019	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
01/09/2019	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
Main	Room A-2's	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room B -2's	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room C-Infants	Infants	3	4	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	Room D-1's	One Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Clean Up,Floor Play
Main	Room E-3&4's	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Music,Circle Time
Main	Room F-4+	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Out side
Main	Room G - 5's Former Multi purpose room	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Room H - Upstairs	Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	3	44	C	49	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Ce nters,Outside

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 147

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 97

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 147

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit is a licensing study. This is the first visit of the fiscal year. The center provides after school transportation during the school year and participates in field trips during the summer.

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.

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#### 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.

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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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Trina Pattullo, Program Official

Date

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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****Met****Comment**

Please ensure lesson plans are updated and posted in each classroom.

**Correction Deadline: 8/5/2019**

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

591-1-1-.12(4) - The blue shelf in Classroom F (younger 3's) by the door is of a height that may pose a falling hazard to children in care. Please secure the shelf or move it to a location where it does not pose a potential hazard.

**Correction Deadline: 8/5/2019**

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

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 6****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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

Child # 5

Met

Child # 6

Met

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records****Met****Correction Deadline: 7/6/2019****Corrected on 8/5/2019****.08(2) - This citation was observed to be completed on this date. The center is now in compliance with the Health Department.****Facility****591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Met****Comment**

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

**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****Correction Deadline: 1/9/2019****Corrected on 8/5/2019****.25(13) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All the previously cited hazards have been removed or corrected.****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - The consultant observed two holes in the drywall in a the bathroom of classroom H (upstairs) where the toilet paper holder pulled off the wall. The consultant discussed with the director about patching the holes so there is not a potential hazard to children in care.

**Correction Deadline: 8/5/2019****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(7) - The consultant observed the half door at the back stairs in classroom H to have a broken lock. The consultant discussed with the director about repairing the lock to ensure children in care do not have access to the back stairs and storage area.

**Correction Deadline: 8/5/2019****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 fencing between the two playgrounds had six bolts protruding on the older playground side presenting a protrusion hazard to children in care. The bolts were longer than the two threads in length required.

**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.

**Correction Deadline: 8/5/2019**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6) - The consultant observed the blue and tan playhouse on the older playground to have a crack on the side with a red table. The consultant discussed with the provider about repairing, replacing, or removing the piece of equipment.

**Correction Deadline: 8/15/2019**

**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 on the older playground there were two active ant beds by the sidewalk in between the two playgrounds presenting a biting hazard to children in care. Additionally, on the toddler playground two spindly roots were observed by the door and the pink playhouse presenting a tripping hazard to children in care.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

During the visit the center treated the ant beds with hot water. The Center will treat the ant beds and monitor each day to ensure there are no active beds before children are allowed on the playground. The center will remove the roots that pose a tripping hazard.

**Correction Deadline: 8/7/2019**

**Food Service**

**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**

**Met**

**Comment**

The center does not provide meals and snacks. Parents bring in all food for children enrolled at the center.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

**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)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

**Policies and Procedures**

**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**

**Met**

**Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**

**Met**

**Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Met****Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

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

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

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

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date. New inspections for all vehicles are due by August 10, 2019. The Center has an appointment for vehicles to be inspected on August 8, 2019.

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment****591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 - The consultant observed four crib mattresses to have a quilted pattern on the vinyl material preventing the mattresses from being washable. The consultant discussed with the director about using a washable and waterproof cover on the quilted mattresses or replacing the mattresses.

**Correction Deadline: 8/5/2019****Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 12****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 01/21/2019

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 12/08/2016

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 05/20/2010

Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 10/02/2017	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/05/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2014	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/07/2019	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 07/26/2017	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 01/18/2018	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 03/09/2015	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/2013	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2016	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7**

<b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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Correction Deadline: 1/9/2019

Corrected on 8/5/2019

**.09(1)(l)3. - This citation was observed to be completed on this date. All employees have a satisfactory background check on file.**

<b>591-1-1-.14 First Aid &amp; CPR</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

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

<b>591-1-1-.33 Staff Training</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Annual staff training for the 2018 calendar was observed during the regulatory visit on January 9, 2019.

<b>591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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<b>591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.