



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 3/11/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 12:50 PM

**CCLC-36868**

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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.
03/11/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/25/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/28/2019	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
Bldg 2	Downstairs-Back Room		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Bldg 2	Downstairs-Main Room	Four Year Olds	2	16	C	27	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg 2	Room Left	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	6	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Bldg 2	Room Right	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 34			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			
Main	A- Infants -1st Left	Infants	2	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play
Main	B- 1's	One Year Olds	1	4	C	7	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Main	C- 2's 2nd Left	One Year Olds	2	8	C	9	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	D- Preschool-Downstairs		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	
Main	E-1st Right Downstairs- 3sS	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	F-Downstairs -4's		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 70			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 57		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 104			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg 2	Bldg 2 Playground	52	C

## Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/11/2020

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)

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Acela Cardenas-Vela, Program Official

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

### 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.

### 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**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

### Health and Hygiene

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

**Technical Assistance**

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Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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

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

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

	<b>Staff Records</b>
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<b>Records Reviewed: 9</b>	<b>Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2</b>
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Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training	
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.33(5)-10 Hrs. Annual Training	

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 9/25/2019****Corrected on 3/11/2020****.09(1)(a) - Corrected.****Correction Deadline: 9/25/2019****Corrected on 3/11/2020****.09(1)(c) - Corrected.**

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Not Met****Finding**

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on review of records that five staff members did not have evidence of completing 10 hours of annual ongoing training for the 2019 calendar year.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

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: 4/10/2020**

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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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.