



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/16/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 1:00 PM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

CCLC-38043

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
07/16/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/06/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/29/2019	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
Clubhouse	Clubhouse		0	0	C	33	C	46	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 33			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 140							
Main	A- Upstairs- Left 1	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	13	C	18	C	Nap
Main	B- Upstairs-Left 2		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	Not In Use
Main	C- Upstairs- Right		0	0	C	32	C	45	C	Not In Use
Main	D- Downstairs- Left	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	E- Downstairs- Right	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	28	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 107			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 140							
Total # Children this Date: 31			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 140			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 140				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A- Infant Toddler	12	C
Main	Playground B- Middle Right	25	C
Main	Playground C- Lower	64	C
Main	Playground D- Middle Left	64	C
Main	Playground E- Bottom	68	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on July 16, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on July 20, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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

Julie Reynolds, 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(1) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. Equipment was observed to be secured during the virtual walk through.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2020

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

N/A

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****Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

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

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.19(2) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Licensed capacity was observed to be met by the center during the virtual walk through.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2020

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through storage of cleaning supplies and possible hazards were discussed. There were no hazards observed to be accessible to the children this date

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2020

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

591-1-1-.26(4) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the playground area was observed and appeared to be in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2020

Food Service

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

591-1-1-.18(7) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through food storage was observed. Food was observed to be stored on shelving, separately from cleaning products.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2020

Health and Hygiene

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

591-1-1-.10(3) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date. During the virtual walk through the diapering was discussed and the provider displayed proper knowledge of the rules and regulations.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2020

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17(7) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date. Liquid soap and paper towels were observed accessible in the restroom area.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2020**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Not Evaluated****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals****N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.11(1) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2020**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

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

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2020**Corrected on 7/16/2020**

.36(4)(a) - Citation observed to be corrected. Consultant observed current annual vehicle inspections on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)1 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be evaluated on the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2020**Sleeping & Resting Equipment****591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through SIDS and infant sleeping position was discussed.

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2020**Staff Records**

Records Reviewed: 15**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 06/18/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 03/08/2015	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 02/16/2015	
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/07/2017	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2015	
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 08/12/2016	
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2015	
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 04/05/2019	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 09/12/2018	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided one file for employees hired since last visit.

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

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(2) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ensure that CPR/First Aid renewals are obtained when training classes resume.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2020

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.31(13) - Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2020

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32(1) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through appropriate ratios were observed.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2020

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32(7) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through adequate supervision was observed.

Correction Deadline: 7/16/2020