



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/29/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-38043

DECS Childcare School

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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. |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--|
| 07/29/2019 | Licensing Study | Good Standing | |
| 01/14/2019 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
| 09/07/2018 | 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 | |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 33 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 140 | | | | | | | |
| Main | A- Upstairs- Left 1 | Three Year Olds | 1 | 11 | C | 13 | C | 18 | C | Transitioning |
| Main | B- Upstairs-Left 2 | Four Year Olds | 1 | 10 | C | 13 | C | 18 | C | Free Play |
| Main | C- Upstairs- Right | | 0 | 0 | C | 32 | C | 45 | C | |
| Main | D- Downstairs- Left | Six Year Olds and Over | 2 | 21 | C | 21 | C | NA | NA | Outside |
| Main | E- Downstairs- Right | Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds | 3 | 17 | C | 28 | C | NA | NA | Floor Play |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 107 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 140 | | | | | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 59 | | | 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

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/29/2019

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.

- 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

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)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2019

Corrected on 7/29/2019

.25(13) - No hazards were observed.

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

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that the climbing equipment on all playground had inadequate amount of resilient surface. One to three inches of mulch was observed and six inches is required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center has purchased more mulch, however it has not been delivered.

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2019**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.

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

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

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

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Staff # 1 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 06/18/2019 | |
| Staff # 2 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 03/02/2015 | |
| Staff # 3 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 02/07/2017 | |
| Staff # 4 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/09/2017 | |
| Staff # 5 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 09/06/2019 | |
| Staff # 6 | Met |

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.

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

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

Comment

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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**

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.