



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/30/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 12:00 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. |
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| 08/30/2021 | Licensing Study | Good Standing | |
| 01/11/2021 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
| 07/16/2020 | 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 |
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| Clubhouse | Clubhouse | PreK | 2 | 14 | C | 33 | C | 46 | C | Outside |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 33 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 140 | | | | | | | |
| Main | A- Upstairs- Left 1 | Three Year Olds | 1 | 9 | C | 13 | C | 18 | C | Outside |
| Main | B- Upstairs-Left 2 | | 0 | 0 | C | 13 | C | 18 | C | Not In Use |
| Main | C- Upstairs- Right | PreK | 2 | 18 | C | 32 | C | 45 | C | Outside |
| Main | D- Downstairs- Left | | 0 | 0 | C | 21 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| Main | E- Downstairs- Right | Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds | 2 | 11 | C | 28 | C | NA | NA | Floor Play,Outside,Dia pering |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 107 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 140 | | | | | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 52 | | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 140 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 140 | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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| 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 August 26, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on August 30, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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)

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

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| 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

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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| 591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR) | Met |
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Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Licensed capacity observed to be met by center.

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| 591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) | Met |
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Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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| 591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) | Met |
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Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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| Food Service |
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| 591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition | Met |
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Comment

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly. Center menu meets USDA requirements.

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| 591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations | Met |
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Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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| Health and Hygiene |
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| 591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) | Met |
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Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing requirements were discussed with the Director on this date. Liquid soap and paper towels were observed accessible in the restroom area.

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| 591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) | N/A |
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Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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| Policies and Procedures |
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| 591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures | Met |
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Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

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

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

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. Redirection and discussion stated to be used throughout the center.

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)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through SIDS and infant sleeping position was discussed. Cribs and cots observed to be in good repair and sheets/blankets stated to be laundered appropriately.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 13****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/17/2020

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 06/18/2020

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 02/16/2015

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 03/02/2015

Records Reviewed: 13**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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| Staff # 5 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 02/07/2017 | |
| Staff # 6 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 03/01/2015 | |
| Staff # 7 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/12/2016 | |
| Staff # 8 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 02/02/2021 | |
| Staff # 9 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 09/06/2016 | |
| Staff # 10 | Met |
| Staff # 11 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 03/01/2015 | |
| Staff # 12 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/13/2021 | <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u> |
| Staff # 13 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 09/18/2020 | |

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided two files for employees hired since last visit.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Complete first aid kits observed in center.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(2) - Monitor expiration dates for CPR/First Aid certification and renew in a timely manner.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2021

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

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Adequate supervision observed on this date.