



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/17/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:45 AM

Departure: 1:45 PM

CCLC-38289

South Rome Early Learning Center

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
10/17/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
04/27/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing
10/18/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

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.

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	Rm. 152 B		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Main	Rm. 156 C	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	4	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Music, Circle Time	
Main	Rm. 157 A	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			64			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		
Total # Children this Date:			30			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			64		
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	33	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow up from the previous visit on April 27, 2018.

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

Theresa Oberg, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

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)

N/A

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)

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.26 - The consultant discussed fluffing and redistributing the resilient surface beneath the slide structure.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

The center does not currently provide care for children that required diapering.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The director stated that medications have not been administered since the last visit.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 20****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 06/03/2013	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/14/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 06/08/2015	
Staff # 4	Not Met
Date of Hire: 07/25/2018	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.09-Criminal Records Check Missing	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/20/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/20/2018	
Staff # 7	Met

Records Reviewed: 20**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Date of Hire: 08/21/2017

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 08/13/2023

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 09/01/2016

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 08/20/2018

Staff # 11

Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2018

Staff # 12

Met

Date of Hire: 08/20/2018

Staff # 13

Met

Date of Hire: 02/07/2018

Staff # 14

Met

Date of Hire: 01/08/2016

Staff # 15

Met

Date of Hire: 08/07/2018

Staff # 16

Met

Date of Hire: 08/14/2018

Staff # 17

Met

Date of Hire: 08/14/2018

Staff # 18

Met

Date of Hire: 08/21/2017

Staff # 19

Met

Date of Hire: 08/17/2018

Staff # 20

Met

Date of Hire: 07/01/2016

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 20

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Not Met**

Comment

The director provided twelve files for staff hired since the last visit.

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined based on a review of records that the center had an employee hired on July 25, 2018, with a satisfactory comprehensive record check determination letter dated more than twelve months prior to date of hire.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will have the employee submit to fingerprinting and the center will not allow that employee to be present at the center while children are present until receiving a current satisfactory record check determination letter from the department.

A 1-day letter was left at the center on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2018

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

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