



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 11/12/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 10:25 AM

**Departure:** 12:30 PM

**CCLC-38649**

**Walton Creative Learning Center**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<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.
11/12/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/13/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/17/2019	Incident Investigation Closure	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
Single	B/1R Back	One Year Olds	2	10	C	23	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Single	C/R Middle	Infants	2	6	C	21	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap,Lunch
Single	D/Back R	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	38	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Single	E/1L	PreK	2	21	C	42	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Single	F/2L	PreK	2	19	C	40	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Nap
Single	G/3L	Three Year Olds	2	20	C	41	C	NA	NA	Art,Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 205					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 94					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 205					
					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Single	PG A/Right	78	C
Single	PG B/Left	94	C
Single	PG C/Front L	13	C

### Comments

The purpose of today's visit is to complete a monitoring visit. This is the first visit of the fiscal year.

Routine transportation and medication records were reviewed on this date. The center does not provide swimming activities.

All criminal record checks were observed complete. The director provided six files for employees hired since the last visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/12/2019

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.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.

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#### 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.

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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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### 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)**

**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**

**Correction Deadline: 5/31/2019**

**Corrected on 11/12/2019**

.25(3) - This citation was corrected on this date. The toilet seat in the restroom located in Classroom G was replaced with a new toilet seat.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

#### Food Service

**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 5/13/2019**

Corrected on 11/12/2019

.15(3) - This citation was corrected on this date. The staff stated that parents are bringing the infant's bottles prepared each morning. The consultant observed baby bottles in the refrigerator prepared and labeled with the individual child's name and the date.

## Health and Hygiene

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

### 591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

### 591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

## Safety

### 591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

### 591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Not Met

#### Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

#### Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(c) requires that each vehicle be equipped with a fire extinguisher maintained in working order and kept inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the center van was used over the summer for field trips and was not equipped with a fire extinguisher as required.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each vehicle has a working fire extinguisher and that the fire extinguisher is kept out of reach of children.

**Correction Deadline: 11/15/2019**

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

### 591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Technical Assistance

#### Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Correction Deadline: 5/13/2019**

Corrected on 11/12/2019

.30(1)(a)3 - This citation was corrected on this date. The center purchased new sheets for the mattresses. The consultant observed sheets that were tight-fitting as required.

#### Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - The consultant spoke with the director about covering the mats stored in classrooms G and D to stored to prevent children's access to them during storage.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 5****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 10/16/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/31/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/09/2018	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 03/15/2017	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 07/25/2019	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 11**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided six files for employees hired since last visit.

<b>591-1-1-.14 First Aid &amp; CPR</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Correction Deadline: 6/21/2019****Corrected on 11/12/2019****.14(2) - This citation was corrected on this date. The director provided evidence of the new staff member obtaining certification in CPR and First Aid as required.**

<b>591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

<b>591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

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