



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 7/17/2019    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 12:35 PM    **Departure:** 2:05 PM

**CCLC-38845**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
07/17/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/18/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing
08/28/2018	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	A	Infants	3	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play	
Main	B	Infants	1	3	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	C	One Year Olds	3	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	D	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	E	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	F	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	6	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			100			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request
Total # Children this Date:			38			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	115	C

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a monitoring visit and follow up on the previous visit on February 18, 2019.

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.decal.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@decal.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decal.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://decal.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.decal.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@decal.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

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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.

**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.

#### Children's Records

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

Met

**Correction Deadline: 2/18/2019**

**Corrected on 7/17/2019**

.08(1) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. Consultant observed documentation of Emergency Contact Person and Emergency Medical Information in child records on this date.

#### 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: 2/18/2019**

Corrected on 7/17/2019

.25(13) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant did not observe any hazards accessible to children on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Safety**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 14**

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

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2018

**Records Reviewed: 14**

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

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Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 01/01/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 01/01/2019	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2016	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 07/01/2015	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2017	
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/2019	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 09/01/2017	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/2019	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2016	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete for all staff on this date.

**Comment**

Director provided one file for employees hired since last visit. The new hire has a comprehensive satisfactory criminal record check letter on this date.

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

**Correction Deadline: 2/18/2019**

Corrected on 7/17/2019

.31(2)(c) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. The consultant observed credentials for all lead teachers in staff files on this date.

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

**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

**Comment**

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