



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/28/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:15 AM **Departure:** 1:10 PM

CCLC-38845

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/28/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
05/02/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/27/2017	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	A	Infants	3	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play	
Main	B	Infants	1	1	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	C	One Year Olds	3	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside	
Main	D	Two Year Olds	3	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch	
Main	E	Two Year Olds	3	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch	
Main	F	Three Year Olds	3	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			100			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request

Total # Children this Date: 37 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	115	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/28/2018

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).



Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

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

Beth Helmey, Program Official

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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

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-.19 License Capacity(CR) **Met**

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on consultants observation that in room 106 teacher's purses and brooms were observed in an unlocked closet accessible to children. In room 121 teacher's purses and brooms were observed in an unlocked closet accessible to children, sunscreen was observed in a child's book bag. In room 113 a vacuum, sanitizers, and teacher's purses were observed in an unlocked closet accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items. Center stated added locks to the closets in the classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2018

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 consultant's observation that on the main playground black mats were observed beneath the rock climbing wall with a depth of 1 1/2 inches.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency. Center stated adding mulch beneath the rock climbing wall. Center stated that will look into long term resilient surface.

Correction Deadline: 9/7/2018**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on consultant's observation that there were pine cones and rubber tubing material on the toddler playground. A hose was observed on the ground on the main playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2018

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the diaper changing surface in room 113 was observed to be porous and not smooth.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center stated replacing the diaper changing surface with a non-porous surface.

Correction Deadline: 8/28/2018

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

Proper hand washing stated throughout the center.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Correction Deadline: 5/7/2018****Corrected on 8/28/2018****Previous citation observed corrected. Emergency Preparedness plan was observed on this date.**

Safety

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.
Redirection is stated to be used in the center.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

SIDS rules met.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 19**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 06/05/2017	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/01/2015	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/15/2016	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/07/2017	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/18/2017	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/02/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 09/05/2017	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 08/16/2017	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 07/30/2018	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 08/16/2017	

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Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/15/2016	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 05/06/2016	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 01/02/2018	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 08/03/2015	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 07/27/2017	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 08/16/2017	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 10/31/2017	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 01/28/2018	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 07/30/2018	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 19

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR) **Met**

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.