



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Atlanta, GA 30334**

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Date: 8/20/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 12:30 PM **Departure:** 1:35 PM

CCLC-39140

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Quality Rated: No

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
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| 08/20/2019 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |
| 04/04/2019 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |
| 11/16/2018 | Licensing Study | 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 | BK RT Infant | | 0 | 0 | C | 11 | C | NA | NA | | |
| Main | Front/entrance | | 0 | 0 | C | 16 | C | 23 | C | | |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: | | | 18 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: | | 0 | | | |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: | | | 18 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: | | 0 | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 0 | | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: | | | 18 | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main | Playground | 24 | C |

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study and to follow up on the previous visit conducted on April 4, 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.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

Tina Lowman, Program Official

Date

Malissa Champion, Consultant

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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

Provider is not currently keeping children. Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety if provider begins caring for children again.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 1

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1

Met

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

Met

Comment

No children enrolled at this time.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

591-1-1-.26 - Consultant observed playground on this date. Consultant observed that center had replaced rails on the steps that lead to playground and to the center entrance. Inclement weather was present during visit and consultant was unable to accurately measure resilient surface. Consultant told provider that playground fence and resilient surface (if playground equipment is present) needs to meet rule requirements when program is open and if children are enrolled. Consultant discussed with provider to maintain trees and yard around playground.

Food Service

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

591-1-1-.15 - Consultant discussed with provider to ensure that menu meets USDA guidelines and is posted when center is open and children are enrolled.

Comment

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly and ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name when children are enrolled.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

There were no children enrolled in the program on this date. Proper diaper facilities were observed with warm running water and proper ventilation.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication when children are enrolled.

Policies and Procedures

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

Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date. Consultant reminded provider that if she opens her center all notices should be posted. Provider gave consultant posted notices to review.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

Discussed reporting requirements.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper field trip documentation and regulations regarding checklists, name tags and permission forms was discussed on this date.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date.

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

No children were enrolled on this date. Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 2****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 09/01/2001

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 09/01/1987

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 0**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit April 4, 2019.

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center.

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

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**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.