



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 10/22/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 11:30 AM

**Departure:** 12:30 PM

**CCLC-39148**

**Gum Swamp Day Care**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
10/22/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/05/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing
05/14/2019	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 and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 16			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	21	C

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on October 22, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in-person field visit was conducted on October 27, 2020. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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/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@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.

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)

Linda Mullis, Program Official

Date

Laura Johnson, 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**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

**Comment**

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during an in-person walk through on October 27, 2020.

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

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 9/30/2019**

**Corrected on 10/22/2020**

**.25(10) - This citation was corrected during a field visit to the center on October 27, 2020. A working fire extinguisher was observed in the building on this date.**

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

**Correction Deadline: 9/15/2019**

**Corrected on 10/22/2020**

**.26(6) - This citation was corrected. The consultant observed that the chains on the swings had been replaced and did not pose a hazard to the children in care.**

<b>Food Service</b>
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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 9/5/2019**

**Corrected on 10/22/2020**

**.15(3) - This citation was corrected. The consultant observed that parents were bringing the prepared bottles each morning with labels.**

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

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

**Correction Deadline: 9/5/2019**

**Corrected on 10/22/2020**

**.10(5) - This citation was corrected during a field visit on October 27, 2020. No children were observed left unattended on the diapering surface during the visit.**

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

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

**Correction Deadline: 9/5/2019**

Corrected on 10/22/2020

.17(7) - This citation was corrected. Appropriate hand washing with diapering was observed during a field visit on October 27, 2020.

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

N/A

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety**

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2019

Corrected on 10/22/2020

.05(3) - This citation was corrected during an in-person visit on October 27, 2020. The director provided vaccination records for her two dogs and her cat.

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

Met

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

N/A

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 4**

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

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 08/14/2016

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2017

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 07/09/2018

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 05/07/1986

**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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Comment**

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

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

**Correction Deadline: 10/5/2019**

**Corrected on 10/22/2020**

**.33(6) - This citation was corrected during an administrative review on this date. A review of records showed that all employees obtained ten hours of annual training for the calendar year 2019.**

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

**Comment**

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020.

**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.