



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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Date: 12/16/2020 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 4:20 PM

Departure: 5:30 PM

CCLC-39327

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation			<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.
12/16/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/18/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/23/2020	Monitoring Visit	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
Main	A/Left		0	0	C	6	C	8	C	
Main	B/Center		0	0	C	4	C	NA	NA	
Main	C/Right		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 17			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 19							
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 19							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG	21	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on December 16, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on December 31, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on December 8, 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/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](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)

Mushanda Blount-Ray, Program Official

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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. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

N/A

##### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 4**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing	
Child # 4	Met

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

Technical Assistance

##### Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(1) - The consultant discussed with the director to ensure children's files contained all required information, as one children's file reviewed was lacking the address for release persons 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

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

**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

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

## Health and Hygiene

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

**Comment**

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

**Comment**

Hand washing requirements were discussed with the Director on this date.

**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)** N/A

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

## Safety

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

**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**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

## Staff Records

**Records Reviewed: 7**

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

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 05/07/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 03/26/1992	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 11/19/2014	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 11/30/2020	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 07/22/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 03/22/1998	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 04/20/2019	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 6/30/2020**

**Corrected on 12/21/2020**

**.14(2) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that all staff had evidence of current completion of First Aid and CPR training on this date.**

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

**Defer**

**Correction Deadline: 3/28/2017**

**Corrected on 12/21/2020**

**.33(5) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that documentation was observed for annual training in 2019.**

**Defer**

591-1-1-.33(5)- This citation was deferred and will be evaluated at the next regulatory visit due to staff having until December 31, 2020 to complete annual training for 2020.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

**Correction Deadline: 12/31/2020**

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**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 December 8, 2020.

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

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

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

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