



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/25/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:05 AM **Departure:** 12:35 PM

CCLC-3944

Cathy's Daycare Learning Center #2

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
07/25/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/20/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/13/2018	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
Building 1	Infant 1	Infants and One Year Olds	2	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Free Play
Building 1	Infant 2	One Year Olds	2	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Free Play
Building 1	Toddler 1		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	Toddler 2	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Art,Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			41			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Building 2	Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Story,Outside
Building 2	Right	Three Year Olds	1	4	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside,Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			29			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date:			34			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 70				
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 2	Main-Play Yard	64	C

Comments

This was the first visit of the fiscal year. All criminal background checks were observed to be completed on this date.

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

Cathy Gibbs, 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

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

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2019

Corrected on 7/25/2019

.06(4) - Correction of previous citation in that the consultant observed the bathroom in the Toddler Two classroom exhaust fan to be functioning properly on this date.

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(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that the lights were not properly functioning in that the lights were flickering in infant one on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2019

Recited on 7/25/2019

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that a potential entrapment hazard was located on the back of the playground in that a fence board located on the right side of the two art boards had a four inch gap from the ground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2019

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 observation that the Main Play Yard had thorny vines growing along the back fence.

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: 8/1/2019

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2019

Corrected on 7/25/2019

.15(4) - Correction of previous citation in that all bucket seats in the infant classroom had straps as required.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2019

Corrected on 7/25/2019

.17(7) - Correction of previous citation in that children were observed washing hands throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/20/2019****Corrected on 7/25/2019****.20(2) - Correction in previous citation that no medication was observed out of its original container on this date.****Correction Deadline: 3/20/2019****Corrected on 7/25/2019****.20(3) - Correction of previous citation in that proper medication documentation 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.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/20/2019****Corrected on 7/25/2019****.36(7)(d)2. - Correction of previous citation in that the center has not transported children since consultant's previous visit.**

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/20/2019****Corrected on 7/25/2019****.30(2)(c) - Correction of previous citation in that infants were observed sleeping in safety-approved cribs on this date.****Correction Deadline: 3/20/2019****Corrected on 7/25/2019****.30(4) - Correction of previous citation in that cots were observed inaccessible to children on this date.**

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 4**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 06/17/2019

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2002

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2002

Staff # 4

Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Comment

Criminal record 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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2019

Corrected on 7/25/2019

.32(7) - Correction of previous citation in that staff were observed appropriately supervising children on this date.