



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/12/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 2:20 PM **Departure:** 5:25 PM

CCLC-4122

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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.
09/12/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/25/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/19/2018	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
Main	1, Chapel		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	5, kids fit gym		0	0	C	33	C	NA	NA	
Main	Childwatch 3		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	Childwatch 4		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	Main Gym-Rm2	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over and PreK	6	69	C	209	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Snack, Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 284						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 69			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 284			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PGD A	70	C
Main	PGD-fenced field	57	C

Comments

The consultant left a one-day letter on this date. The criminal record check video affidavit is to be submitted to the consultant by September 19, 2019.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/12/2019

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.

- 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

Darcy Albury, Program Official

Date

Stacey Foston, Consultant

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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-.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 observation that there was a small hole at the bottom of the wall in the Kid Fit Gym. In addition, a section of the rubber based board was observed to be peeling away from the wall and chipped paint and plaster was exposed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will repair or cover the hole. the center will fix the base board The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2019

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2019

Corrected on 9/12/2019

.26(8) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the consultant observed adequate amount of resilient surface on the playground on this date. The center will regularly check and redistribute the mulch in the required fall zones as required by the rules.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

No children enrolled who require diapering. School age children attend only for after school hours.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

The Program does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Comment

The consultant observed first and second checks of the vehicle. A current/completed inspection was observed for the bus used in transporting children this date. The vehicle had a first aid kit and fire extinguisher.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Sleeping/Naps are not required for this program. School age children attend only for after school hours.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 10/04/2018

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/21/2019

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 09/09/2019	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 08/21/2019	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 04/18/2017	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 11/28/2018	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 10/19/2016	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 0

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Not Met

Comment

Director provided seven files for employees hired since last visit.

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on a review of records that one employee that started on August 21, 2019 did not submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure the CRC rules are maintained. The consultant left a one day letter. The director registered the employee during the visit. The criminal record check video affidavit form is to be submitted by September 19, 2019.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records that an employee hired on August 21, 2019 did not have valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center.

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Correction Deadline: 9/12/2019

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2 requires the Director to possess at least one of the sets of minimum academic requirements and qualifying child care experience listed in Rule 591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2.(i-xiii). It was determined based on a review of records and discussion that the director does not meet the academic requirements.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The consultant observed documentation that the director completed the CDA course hours on May 12, 2018. The director has to completed the test and observation portion of the program.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2019

Recited on 9/12/2019

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.