



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/10/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 3:00 PM **Departure:** 4:15 PM

CCLC-46298

The Children's Courtyard #3215

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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.
09/10/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/28/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/25/2019	Licensing Study	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	1L	PreK	2	8	C	23	C	32	C	Transitioning, Outside
Main	1R	Infants	1	3	C	25	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding
Main	2L	Four Year Olds	1	6	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	2R	One Year Olds	2	8	C	27	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	3L	PreK	1	10	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3R	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	4L Pre-K		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	4R	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	5L	PreK	2	10	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	BK End		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 220

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 229

Total # Children this Date: 61

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant PG	27	C
Main	Preschool PG	52	C
Main	School-Age PG	57	C
Main	Toddler PG	55	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on September 10, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training and background checks were all reviewed.

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.al.ga.gov/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.al.ga.gov.

- 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.al.ga.gov/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.al.ga.gov/>
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.al.ga.gov

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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

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

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

Met

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.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The physical plant appeared to be clean and in good repair upon virtual walk through.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/28/2020

Corrected on 9/10/2020

.26(4) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as fencing material was observed to be maintained upon the virtual visit. Further, the exposed wires at the bottom of the fence surrounding the water park and the fence separating the back left and back middle playgrounds have been repaired and longer present a hazard to children.

Correction Deadline: 1/28/2020

Corrected on 9/10/2020

.26(9) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as the playground was observed to be kept clean and free from litter and hazards upon the virtual visit. Further, the exposed tree roots on all playgrounds have been sprayed with orange spray paint, no long posing a potential tripping hazard.

Food Service

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

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Kitchen appeared to be clean and well organized. Meal service was stated to take place in classrooms rather than in a congregated or communal setting.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Handwashing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Provider on this date.

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

Comment

Handwashing and sanitizing requirements were discussed with the Provider on this date.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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 Provider on this date.

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

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2020

Corrected on 9/10/2020

.36(4)(a) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as the program is no longer conducting routine transportation. The center director stated that program ceased transportation in March of 2020 due the the pandemic and is unlikely to resume.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Sleeping and Resting was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper sleeping and resting were discussed with the Provider on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/28/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/04/2020	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/24/2020	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 10/01/2016	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/08/2019	
Staff # 6	Met

Records Reviewed: 16**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 10/01/2016

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 12/21/2018

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2016

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2016

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2016

Staff # 11

Met

Date of Hire: 10/12/2017

Staff # 12

Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2016

Staff # 13

Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2016

Staff # 14

Met

Staff # 15

Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2016

Staff # 16

Met

Date of Hire: 02/25/2019

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.

Comment

Director provided six file(s) for employees hired since the last visit conducted on January 28, 2020.

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

591-1-1-.31(13) - Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15 , 2020.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2020**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.