



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/13/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:00 AM **Departure:** 9:45 AM

CCLC-46309

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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.
01/13/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/24/2020	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
08/20/2020	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	Left Front	PreK	2	18	C	19	C	26	C	Circle Time	
Main	Left Rear	Infants and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play	
Main	Middle Left	One Year Olds	3	11	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
Main	Middle Right	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	31	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	Right Front A (Nursery 2)		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA		
Main	Right Front B (Pre-K)	PreK	2	17	C	25	C	35	C	Centers	
Main	Right Rear	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	34	C	NA	NA	Music	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 164					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 166						
Total # Children this Date: 79			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 164			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 166			Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- Left	28	C
Main	PG- Middle Playground	59	C
Main	PG- Right Playground	144	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on January 13, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on January 26, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on January 15, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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

Susan Robertson, Program Official

Date

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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.

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - The consultant discussed with the director to replace the rusted brackets attaching the partitions between toilets to the floor in the bathroom located in the Right Front B (Pre-K) Classroom on this date. The consultant also discussed with the director to replace the missing covers over the bolts attaching the toilets to the floor in the bathrooms located in the Right Front B (Pre-K) and Left Front Classrooms on this date.

Correction Deadline: 1/13/2021

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

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute, especially after heavy or excessive rainfall.

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)**Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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)**Not Met****Comment**

Please include the vehicle tag number on transportation checklist.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined, based on review of records, that Staff #22 identified as the director and Staff #27 identified as a driver were lacking current evidence of completing the two hour transportation training, which is required every two years.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Director, Center Staff, and any person responsible for the transportation of children has completed the required transportation training.

Correction Deadline: 1/27/2021

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 28

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 6

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 09/22/2016	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 09/22/2016	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/30/2020	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 12/14/2020	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 01/14/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/04/1987	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 07/22/2020	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/1993	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 03/16/2017	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 09/22/2016	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 07/18/2019	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 08/30/1996	

Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 08/01/2018	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 06/08/2015	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 09/29/2020 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate	Not Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 10/13/2020 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate	Not Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 07/27/2020 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate	Not Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 04/25/1989	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 10/05/2020 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate	Not Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 10/07/2020	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 07/20/2020	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 12/01/2020 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .36(3)(a-b)-2 hrs. Transportation Training missing	Not Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 07/16/2019	Met
Staff # 24	Met

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Date of Hire: 10/01/1989

Staff # 25

Met

Date of Hire: 01/30/2019

Staff # 26

Met

Date of Hire: 12/29/2015

Staff # 27

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/01/1989

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.36(3)(a-b)-2 hrs. Transportation Training missing

Staff # 28

Met

Date of Hire: 09/22/2016

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined, based on review of records, that Staff #'s 15, 16, 17, and 19 were lacking evidence of completing the Health and Safety Orientation Training within 90 days of their hire date as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 2/12/2021**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 January 15, 2021.

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 during the virtual walk through.