



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
**Atlanta, GA 30334**

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**Date:** 8/20/2020    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 10:00 AM    **Departure:** 11:35 AM

**CCLC-46309**

**Small Wonders Playcare Center Evans**

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**Quality Rated:**

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
08/20/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
01/21/2020	Incident Investigation/Licensing Study	Good Standing
01/21/2020	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing

**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.

**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	17	C	19	C	26	C	TV	
Main	Left Rear	Infants	2	7	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap	
Main	Middle Left	One Year Olds	2	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	Middle Right	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	31	C	NA	NA	Centers,Story	
Main	Right Front A (Nursery 2)		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA		
Main	Right Front B (Pre-K)	PreK	2	13	C	25	C	35	C	TV	
Main	Right Rear	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	34	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 164						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 166					
Total # Children this Date: 61			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**

A virtual inspection was conducted on August 20, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 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/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.

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#### 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.

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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)

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TINA WESTBROOK, Program Official

Date

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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. 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)**

**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.

### Health and Hygiene

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**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.

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

**Comment**

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

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)** **Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Safety**

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**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.

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

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The director stated that routine school transportation resumed on August 3, 2020 with the start of Columbia County Schools. The director provided complete documentation for transportation conducted the week of August 10, 2020. Transportation guidance was discussed with the provider to include spacing of children, wearing facial masks, and disinfection of the vehicle at the end of each routine trip.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

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

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 26**

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

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 08/04/2020

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 09/22/2016

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 09/22/2016

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 07/20/2020

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 08/05/2020

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 01/14/2019

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 08/04/1987

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 07/22/2020

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 07/29/2014

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/1993

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 03/16/2017

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 09/22/2016

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 07/18/2019

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 08/30/1996

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2018

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 06/08/2015

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 07/20/2020

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 04/25/1989

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 07/20/2020

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 07/16/2019

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Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 10/01/1989	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 01/07/2015	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 07/31/2019	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 12/29/2015	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 09/01/1989	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 09/22/2016	Met

**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-.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 May 12, 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 during the virtual walk through.

**Correction Deadline: 1/21/2020**

**Corrected on 8/20/2020**

**.32(7) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that adequate supervision was observed during the virtual walk through on this date.**