



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/9/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:10 PM **Departure:** 5:00 PM

CCLC-46843

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
01/09/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
08/01/2017	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing
06/30/2017	Complaint 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	A/1L		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B/2L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	21	C	30	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C - 2L - Right		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C/L Mid		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D/R Mid	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E/3R		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F/2R	PreK	2	19	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G/1R	One Year Olds	2	6	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 160						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 59			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 160			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A/Front	10	C
Main	PG B/Middle	22	C
Main	PG C/Back	111	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a Monitoring Visit and follow-up from previous visit on August 1, 2017. The Consultant discussed with Director on amending Room G/1R from a non-diaper room to a diaper room. The Consultant left an Amendment Application and a First Aid and CPR Checklist.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/09/2018

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).



Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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@decalfga.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://decalfga.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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decalfga.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@decalfga.gov

Marie Louine, 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

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

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

Discussed movement of children to maintain capacities.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25 - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 8/1/2017

Corrected on 1/9/2018

.25(3) - The previous citation has been corrected on this date. The consultant observed Classroom B and D to have working lights. The consultant also observed bathroom fan in Classroom B to have no visible dirt and debris. The consultant also observed bathroom floor tiles in Classroom B to be repaired.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Not Met**

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on consultant's observation that blue and red chipping paint was observed on a blue, red, and yellow wagon on the middle playground B. The consultant also observed blue, red, and yellow chipping paint on a big wagon on the front playground A. It was further determined that a mobile cracked wheel was observed on a yellow and orange car on the front playground A.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 1/19/2018

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 consultant's observation that black and white fabric was exposed at the bottom of a yellow house and at the bottom of a red wagon on front playground A, causing a potential tripping hazard.

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: 1/12/2018

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Staff stated that children wash their hands upon arrivals, before and after meals, after outside play, and after bathroom use.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Comment

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)3 - Please ensure that all children in Room B have sheets on their mats during nap times.

Correction Deadline: 1/9/2018

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 12**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 07/01/2016	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 02/03/2017	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2014	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 02/09/2015	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/08/2016	
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 04/25/2016	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2014	
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 03/22/2017	
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 04/27/2015	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided two files for employees hired since last visit.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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.