



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/15/2019 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:30 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-47601

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
03/15/2019	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/22/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/09/2018	Incident Investigation Closure	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
One	A	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
One	B	One Year Olds	2	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
One	C	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
One	D	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 71			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Two	Afterschool		0	0	C	44	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 44			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 48			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 115			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
One	A	196	C
One	B	26	C
One	C	24	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a licensing study and complaint investigation.

The center does not provide transportation, field trips, or swimming activities.

The center is currently participating in the Quality Rated program.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/15/2019

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/RuleAndRegulations.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.decal.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@decal.ga.gov

Janice Dixon, Program Official

Date

Jerica Davis, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

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Please ensure that each classroom keeps a current lesson plan on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. Please ensure that lesson plans are dated.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2019

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)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 the consultant's observation that the following hazards were observed:

- Three active ant piles were observed along the fence line separating the large and small playgrounds.
- One active ant pile was observed along the concrete square on the middle playground.
- A root was observed to be sticking up on the far back left side of the large playground posing a 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: 3/15/2019

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure center staff hold and feed infants less than six months of age and older children who cannot hold their own bottles or sit alone. Baby bottles shall never be propped; the infant's head shall be elevated while feeding.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.15(7) prohibits the serving of peanuts, hotdogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, and grapes to children under three years of age. Children older than three (3) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Foods and drinks with little or no nutritional value, i.e., sweets, soft drinks, etc. shall be served only on special occasions and only in addition to the required nutritious meals and snacks. Powdered nonfat dry milk shall only be used for cooking purposes. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that the one-year-old and two-year-old children were served hotdogs and raw carrots for lunch.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor food served to children to ensure that the food does not present a choking hazard. The Center will not serve food and drinks with little or no nutritional value except for special occasions and in addition to the required nutritious meals and snacks. The Center will limit the use of powdered nonfat dry milk for cooking only.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2019

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2018

Corrected on 3/15/2019

.17(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Appropriate child handwashing was observed throughout.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2018

Corrected on 3/15/2019

.17(8) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Appropriate staff handwashing was observed throughout.

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

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that fire drills were not documented for the months of November and December of 2018 and January and February of 2019 as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2019

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that two infants were observed to be asleep in a safety approved crib with bottles in the crib with them.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2019

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2018

Corrected on 3/15/2019

.30(2)(c) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 14

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 05/23/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/20/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/24/2018	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 02/29/2020	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 09/18/2017	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 12/04/2018	

Records Reviewed: 14**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 01/01/2017	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 01/01/2018	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 04/10/2017	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 06/18/2018	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 01/17/2019	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 03/03/2019	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 11/05/2018	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 04/10/2018	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 14**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)** **Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided five files for employees hired since last visit.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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.