



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 9/26/2019    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 12:45 PM    **Departure:** 4:15 PM

**CCLC-47601**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
09/26/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/22/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
03/15/2019	Complaint Investigation & 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
One	A	Infants	4	1	C	13	C	NA	NA	Snack,Nap
One	B	One Year Olds	2	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Snack
One	C	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Snack,Story,Nap
One	D	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	23	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 71			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Two	Afterschool	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over and PreK	1	33	C	44	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transitioning,Homework,Snack
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 44			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 82			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 monitoring visit.

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

The center is currently participating in the Quality Rated program and has earned a rating of Three Stars.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/26/2019

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/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.

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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.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](mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov)

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Janice Dixon, 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)**

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that all employee and children in attendance to use all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment in a safe and appropriate manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, recommendations, and intended use. All equipment and furniture shall be used only by the age-appropriate group of children. Please ensure that safety straps are used when children are in the infant feeding table as the manufacturer intended.

**Correction Deadline: 9/26/2019**

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

**Met**

**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**

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Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. Please ensure to return the spray bottle of sanitizer to a place inaccessible to the children promptly after use.

**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Please inspect the playground fence along the back section to ensure it is a minimum of four foot high.

**Correction Deadline: 9/26/2019**

**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that all climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. Please ensure each piece of playground equipment that measures between two and five feet high has a minimum of three inches of resilient surfacing beneath it. Please ensure all equipment measuring over five feet high and swings have a minimum of six inches of resilient surfacing beneath it. Please ensure all climbers and slides have a minimum fall zone of four feet measuring out in all directions.

**Correction Deadline: 10/6/2019**

**Correction Deadline: 3/15/2019**

**Corrected on 9/26/2019**

**.26(9) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. No active ant beds were observed.**

<b>Food Service</b>
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**Correction Deadline: 3/15/2019**

**Corrected on 9/26/2019**

**.15(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.**

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

**Correction Deadline: 3/15/2019**

**Corrected on 9/26/2019**

**.17(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.**

**Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that 38 children ages four, five, and six and older were observed to arrive at the facility and did not wash hands upon arrival as required. Additionally, the children went outside and ate snack without washing their hands with liquid soap and warm running water as required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

**Correction Deadline: 9/26/2019**

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

**Policies and Procedures****591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met****Correction Deadline: 3/20/2019****Corrected on 9/26/2019****.21(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Emergency drills have been conducted and documented since the last visit.****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****591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 3/15/2019****Corrected on 9/26/2019****.30(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.****Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 02/29/2020

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 04/10/2018

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 04/10/2017

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 04/10/2017

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 08/20/2018

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**Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 01/01/2017

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 11/25/2018

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 04/16/2019

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**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4**

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**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)** Met

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided 3 files for employees hired since the last visit.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)** Not Met

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that thirty children ages four, five, and six years and older were observed on the playground with one staff member where two staff members were required.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

**Correction Deadline: 9/26/2019**

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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)** Met

**Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.