



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/21/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 12:15 PM

CCLC-47648

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
03/21/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/10/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/13/2018	Monitoring Visit	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- 1's	One Year Olds	1	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Music
Main	B- 2's	Two Year Olds	2	20	C	24	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Outside, Transitioning
Main	E - 3's & 4's	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F- 3's & 4's	Three Year Olds	2	19	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 56

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- Toddlers	9	C
Main	B -2's, 3's & 4's	135	C
Main	Covered Deck	0	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is a monitoring visit and a follow up for any previous rule citations. The center does not provide transportation.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/21/2019

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.decal.ga.gov/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.

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@decal.ga.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://decal.ga.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).

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

Nancy Cruz, 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.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2018

Corrected on 3/21/2019

.08(6) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Sign in and out sheets reflected the currently number of children present.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - the consultant observed extension cords in classroom E to be on the floor and a hanging radio cord in classroom B. The consultant discussed with the Director about ensuring cords are out of the way and secured to a surface to ensure they do not pose a tripping hazard to children in care. The Director corrected the cords during the visit.

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2019

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

591-1-1-.26(4) requires 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. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that on the smaller playground there were twenty-six (26) fence bolts that protruded more than the required two threads in length. On the big playground by the gate two of the cut bolts were sharp and posed a scratching hazard to children in care. Additionally, in the back left hand corner the small wooden fence was missing a slat on the right hand side creating a gap in the fence that measured five inches in width.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2019

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 observation that one of the two pink tricycles had holes at the end of the handle bars posing an entrapment hazard and the other pink tricycle had broken plastic on both sides of the back wheels posing a scratching hazard. Additionally, the black truck was missing the gas cap cover and had a hole that posed an entrapment hazard.

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: 3/31/2019

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2018

Corrected on 3/21/2019

.26(8) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There was adequate resilient surface under the blue slide.

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 observation that on the backside of the wooden deck part of the white lattice was missing leaving an opening to the underside of the deck that measured 18 inches wide. There was an active ant bed at the bottom of the broken lattice posing a biting hazard to children in care. Additionally, there were two spindly roots between the fence and the round play structure that posed a tripping hazard to children in care.

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: 3/21/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date. The center does not enroll or care for infants.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 14

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 10/26/2018

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 04/19/2016

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 08/09/2018

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 11/17/2017

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 01/18/2019

Records Reviewed: 14

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 11/13/2018	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 01/05/2018	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 12/07/2015	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 08/07/2017	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 06/18/2010	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 02/16/2010	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 08/29/2018	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 02/19/2029	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 02/28/2019	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 six file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Correction Deadline: 10/10/2018

Corrected on 3/21/2019

.33(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The employee had obtained the required Health and Safety training.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2018

Corrected on 3/21/2019

.33(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The employee had a signed orientation document.

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

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