



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/21/2018 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:40 AM **Departure:** 12:10 PM

CCLC-47908

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
12/21/2018	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
12/21/2018	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
07/17/2018	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
Main	A- BL	Infants and One Year Olds	1	3	C	7	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Main	B- BR	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	C	6	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	C- 2R	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	7	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	D- 1R	Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	9	C	12	C	17	C	Art
Main	E- 1L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	8	C	11	C	Art
Main	F- Front Far Right		0	0	C	4	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 44

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 52

Total # Children this Date: 32

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	126	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/21/2018

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).



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.

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.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

Zakiyyah Ali, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2018

Corrected on 12/21/2018

.08(1) - Citation corrected. Five of five files reviewed had address for their release person listed.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2018

Corrected on 12/21/2018

.25(3) - Citation observed to be corrected. The door knob was observed to be attached and in working order on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Not Met

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed that a hole to at the corner of the building before the large metal structure needs to be filled so it does not pose a falling hazard.

Correction Deadline: 12/21/2018

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires 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 resilient. It was determined based on the consultant observation that the fall zones of the play stucture and swings had between 0-2 inches or resilient surfacing when 6 inches was needed and grass was observed to be growing through the mulch.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resilient.

Correction Deadline: 12/28/2018

Recited on 12/21/2018

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2018

Corrected on 12/21/2018

.15(3) - Citation observed to be corrected on this date. The center had pre made bottles and the staff within the classroom stated that parents are not required to bring the bottle already made.

Policies and Procedures

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2018

Corrected on 12/21/2018

.21(3) - Citation observed to be corrected.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 06/04/2014	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/21/2017	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/09/2017	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 09/27/2017	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 03/15/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/09/2017	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 05/21/2014	
Staff # 8	Met

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 04/16/2018

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2000

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9

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

Met

Comment

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2018

Corrected on 12/21/2018

.33(2) - Citation observed to be corrected.