



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 12/17/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 10:00 AM

**Departure:** 11:00 AM

**CCLC-48494**

**Small Wonders Early Learning Center**

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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.
12/17/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/11/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
10/10/2019	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	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 - 1R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers,Centers
Main	A - 1R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers,Centers
Main	B - 2R	Infants	1	4	C	21	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Floor Play
Main	B - 2R	Infants	1	4	C	21	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Floor Play
Main	C - 3R		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	C - 3R		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	D - 3L	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers,Centers
Main	D - 3L	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers,Centers
Main	E - 2L		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	E - 2L		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	F - 1L		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	F - 1L		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 224			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 58			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground - Left Side	21	C

Main	Playground - Right Side	21	C
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### Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on December 17, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

An updated feeding plan was discussed and provided.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.

### 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.

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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FERRIS HILLMAN, Program Official

Date

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Kesha McNeal, Consultant

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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-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/11/2019

Corrected on 12/17/2020

.03(9) - Previous citation observed corrected in that staff stated that appropriate activities are being conducted with children in care.

Correction Deadline: 10/11/2019

Corrected on 12/17/2020

.03(9) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the center is only allowing children to engage in appropriate activities.

#### 591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

**Comment**

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

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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.

**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.

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

**Defer**

591-1-1-.25(11)- A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

**Correction Deadline: 10/18/2019****Defer**

591-1-1-.25(11)- A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

**Correction Deadline: 10/18/2019****Defer**

591-1-1-.25(3)- A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will make repairs where needed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring. The Center will remove or repair the half wall so that it is secure.

**Correction Deadline: 10/18/2019****Defer**

591-1-1-.25(3)- A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

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**Correction Deadline: 10/18/2019**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Correction Deadline: 10/21/2019****Corrected on 12/17/2020**

.26(7) - Previous citation observed corrected in that all equipment was securely anchored as required.

**Correction Deadline: 10/21/2019****Corrected on 12/17/2020**

.26(7) - Previous citation observed corrected in that all playground equipment was securely anchored to the ground with no exposed bolts.

<b>Food Service</b>
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**Defer**

591-1-1-.15(1)- A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Center Staff will prepare menus and/or serve foods that meet the USDA guidelines. Center Staff will serve Lactaid milk only to the children with the needed supplement.

**Correction Deadline: 10/11/2019**

**Defer**

591-1-1-.15(1)-A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Center Staff will prepare menus and/or serve foods that meet the USDA guidelines. Center Staff will serve Lactaid milk only to the children with the needed supplement.

**Correction Deadline: 10/11/2019**

**Defer**

591-1-1-.15(4)- A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will inspect feeding equipment to ensure it meets each of the listed criteria and to verify a feeding chair or equipment is provided for each child who requires one. The Center will train staff and monitor to ensure that the feeding equipment is cleaned with a disinfectant after each use.

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

**Defer**

591-1-1-.15(4)-A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will inspect feeding equipment to ensure it meets each of the listed criteria and to verify a feeding chair or equipment is provided for each child who requires one. The Center will train staff and monitor to ensure that the feeding equipment is cleaned with a disinfectant after each use.

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

**Health and Hygiene**

**Correction Deadline: 10/11/2019**

**Corrected on 12/17/2020**

**.07(2) - Previous citation observed corrected in that staff stated that parents are notified as soon as possible or by the end of the day when professional medical attention is required, or when the child experiences symptoms of moderate discomfort such as elevated temperature, vomiting or diarrhea.**

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

**Corrected on 12/17/2020**

.20(1) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the facility is no longer dispensing medication.

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

**Corrected on 12/17/2020**

.20(1) - Previous citation observed corrected in that medication is no longer being dispensed.

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

**Corrected on 12/17/2020**

.20(3) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the facility is no longer dispensing medication.

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

**Corrected on 12/17/2020**

.20(3) - Previous citation observed corrected in that medication is no longer being dispensed.

<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)4- A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that a light cover is available for each child and will meet the requirements for laundering.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/27/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 06/17/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 09/08/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 04/12/2004	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 05/29/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 12/10/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 12/15/2020	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 10/01/2018	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2**

<b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided two file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

<b>591-1-1-.14 First Aid &amp; CPR</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Correction Deadline: 10/31/2019****Corrected on 12/17/2020****.14(1)(a) - Previous citation observed corrected the staff member is no longer employed.****Correction Deadline: 10/31/2019****Corrected on 12/17/2020****.14(1)(a) - Previous citation observed corrected.**



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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Met****Correction Deadline: 11/8/2019****Corrected on 12/17/2020****.33(3) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the staff member is no longer employed.**

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

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15,2020.

**Comment**

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15,2020.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.