



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/3/2020 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-49426

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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.
03/03/2020	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
03/03/2020	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
09/20/2019	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	C/5R- 4 year olds and up	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Snack
Main	D4R- 3's	Three Year Olds	2	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Art,Transitioning
Main	E/3R- 2's and 1's		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	Infant First Right	Infants	2	5	C	6	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	Room 105		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 106	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room 110		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 69						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 22			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 69			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A- All ages	63	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation follow-up visit and to follow-up on the previous visit conducted on September 20, 2019.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/03/2020

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

Constance Bowen, Program Official

Date

Kelly Jones, Consultant

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Findings Report

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

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 07/09/2024	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 10/16/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 10/08/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/12/2019	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 09/06/2024	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 07/08/2019	
Staff # 9	Met

Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 10/07/2019	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 09/01/1990	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 11**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.09(1) - The consultant discussed the following criminal records check rules with the director on this date:
 - Please ensure that all newly hired staff members, volunteers, substitute teachers, cooks, maintenance staff, clerical workers, therapists and students - in training have evidence of a current criminal record check letter on file prior to being present at the center.

- Please ensure that all individuals present at the center has a reason and/or purpose for being present at the center and has evidence of a current criminal records check letter on file prior to being present at the center.

- Please monitor the expiration date of all current staff members criminal check letters.

- Please ensure to submit a portability request for all newly hired staff members that have received a previous satisfactory criminal record check letter via DECAL KOALA to verify that the newly hired staff members' letter meets the portability requirement.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2019**Corrected on 3/3/2020**

.09(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed that all staff had evidence of a current and satisfactory Records Check Determination on file

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2019**Corrected on 3/3/2020**

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed that all staff had evidence of a current and satisfactory Records Check Determination on file.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2019**Corrected on 3/3/2020**

.09(1)(j) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed that all staff had evidence of a current and satisfactory Records Check Determination on file.

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

591-1-1-.31(2)(c)-The previous citation was deferred pending approval of variance.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will review lead teacher records to ensure the required documentation is on file and will obtain and file it if found.

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