



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/5/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:25 PM **Departure:** 4:20 PM

CCLC-49701

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/05/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
04/18/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
12/06/2018	Initial Licensing Study	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- 12mths - 35 mths	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B-12 mths- 35mths	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-6wks-12mths	Infants	1	7	NC	8	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Nap
Main	D/3-5 yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E/3-5 yr olds	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	27	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning
Main	F- 6 - 9 yrs old	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	17	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 118						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 85			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 118			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- 6wks- 35 mths	20	C
Main	B- 3-9 yr olds	47	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/05/2019

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/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

Sharon Suitt, 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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

N/A

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)

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2019

Corrected on 9/5/2019

.26(4) - Previous cite corrected.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - Please ensure that a changing mat is added to the restroom for toilet training .

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2019

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

Staff stated proper knowledge.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.16(e) requires the Center to submit an application for an amended License at least 30 days in advance of the change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department. It was determined based on observation that the center used the upstairs 1R classroom to house 17 school age children. The room was not a part of the licensed capacity.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

An application for amendment and all necessary documentation will be submitted.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2019

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)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 14

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 07/30/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/30/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 10/26/2018	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 09/30/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 07/30/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 11/08/2018	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2016	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 09/02/2014	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 07/31/2017	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2019	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 07/10/2017	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 10/01/2014	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 09/02/2014	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Defer

591-1-1-.33(6)-Training will be evaluated on the next licensing visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2018

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(5) requires that during day-time rest or sleeping periods, at least one Staff person is in each room providing direct supervision of the children and all Staff required by these rules relating to Staff: child ratios are in the Center and available to assure safe evacuation in an emergency. Staff: child ratios may be doubled for children three (3) years and older provided these requirements are met. It was determined based on observation that a staff person temporarily left a classroom during nap.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will rearrange staff schedules to ensure the required number of staff are in each room and available.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2019

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.