



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 2/20/2019    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 11:00 AM    **Departure:** 12:15 PM

**CCLC-49735**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
02/20/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
08/22/2018	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 Buildin	A-Front Middle	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	13	C	18	C	Nap	
Main Buildin	B-Back Right	Infants	1	2	C	6	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main Buildin	C-Front back-School-age		0	0	C	2	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:						21	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:				26
Total # Children this Date: 8			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			21	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:				26

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit as follow up to the visit conducted on August 22, 2018. Consultant discussed and reviewed report with Center Director on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/20/2019

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/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.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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

Prentissia Hart, 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)

Technical Assistance

#### Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Consultant discussed Center Director to anchor two (2) televisions to a base to prevent push or pull hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 2/20/2019**

#### 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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Met

#### Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

#### Comment

Playground mulch not observed on this date due to inclement weather.

### Health and Hygiene

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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(3) requires Center Staff to change diapers in the child's own crib or on a diaper changing surface that is used for no purposes other than changing diapers and other clothing in each room where infants or any other children wearing diapers are served. It was determined based on Consultant observation that the diapering changing station was not in good repair by evidence of screws showing, and an unstable diapering surface.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that diapering changing station used by staff is stable and safe and only used for changing diapers. The Center will ensure Staff are changing diapers on secured diapering stations.

**Correction Deadline: 2/20/2019**

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**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 8/24/2018****Corrected on 2/20/2019****.17(7) - Consultant observed water to be warm throughout the building on this date.**

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

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

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Consultant observed three (3) cribs to meet the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the American Society of Testing Materials International (ASTM) on this date. Consultant also discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

## Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on Consultant observation that one (1) infant had a pacifier in their mouth while sleeping in the crib which poses potential hazards to infants in care. In addition, there were storage pockets on the outside of cribs used for infant sleep, and storage pockets contained blankets and were accessible to infants.

### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

### Correction Deadline: 2/20/2019

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 4**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 04/10/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/20/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/16/2018	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/20/2018	

### Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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

**Met**

##### Comment

Consultant observed four (4) out of four (4) Center Staff to have valid Satisfactory Comprehensive Criminal Records Check Determination letters on file this date.

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#### 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**

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

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

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.32(7) - Consultant discussed with Center Director to ensure that all staff provides watchful oversight at all times while children are present for care.

**Correction Deadline: 2/20/2019**