



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 1/21/2021    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 11:15 AM    **Departure:** 12:30 PM

**CCLC-50045**

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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.
01/21/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/21/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/26/2019	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/Ne w	A: !L	Infants	1	3	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main/Ne w	B:2L	Infants	1	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main/Ne w	C:3L	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main/Ne w	D:4L	One Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main/Ne w	E:5L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main/Ne w	F:Middle	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main/Ne w	G:3R	Two Year Olds	1	4	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main/Ne w	H:2R	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main/Ne w	I:1R	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	11	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Zoning			
Total # Children this Date: 57			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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### Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on January 21, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on January 21, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Consultant emailed revised infant feeding plan, Revised COVID 19 Handbook and resources.

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.al.ga.gov/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.

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#### 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.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.ga.gov).

- 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.al.ga.gov/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.

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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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Stephanie Updike, Program Official

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

### Activities and Equipment

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured on this date.  
A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.  
An Administrative Review was completed on this date.

**Facility****591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.  
 A virtual visit was completed on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)****Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.  
 A virtual visit was completed on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.  
 A virtual visit was completed on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.  
 A virtual visit was completed on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

**Food Service****591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15 - Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure that the revised infant feeding forms are being used.

Lunches are brought in by the parents.

**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations****Met****Comment**

Please ensure that all snack food items are stored in airtight containers.

**Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing was discussed with the Director.  
 Consultant observed a toddler in Classroom E 1B at this sink washing their hands during a virtual visit.

**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Policies and Procedures**

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

**Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills  
An Administrative Review was completed on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices** **Met**

**Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.  
A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting** **Met**

**Comment**

Discussed reporting requirements.

**Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

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**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**

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 and staff on this date.

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 17**

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

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 01/02/2017

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 08/23/2016

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 04/17/2016

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 01/02/2017

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2020

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 08/18/2020

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 08/18/2020

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 10/05/2020

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2020

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2020

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 08/26/2019

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2020

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 08/14/2017

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 10/04/2010

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 07/29/2020

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 08/07/2020

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 01/02/2018

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.  
An Administrative Review was completed on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR** **Met**

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.  
An Administrative Review was completed on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training** **Met**

**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.  
As a reminder, Health and Safety training and CPR/First Aid are to be completed within 90 days of hire.  
An Administrative Review was completed on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.  
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 May 12, 2020.

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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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.  
A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.  
A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.