



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 5/6/2020    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 1:30 PM    **Departure:** 3:45 PM

**CCLC-50203**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
05/06/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/04/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
06/27/2019	Monitoring Visit	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	Infants	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	B	One Year Olds	1	7	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	30	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E		0	0	C	34	C	NA	NA	
Main	F	Four Year Olds	1	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning
Main	G	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	15	C	29	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 173						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 63			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 173			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Large Playground	155	C
Main	Small Playground	22	C

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on May 6, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on June 22, 2020 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.

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/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.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.

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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.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)

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LAKEISHA THIGPEN, 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

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 9/11/2019**

**Corrected on 5/6/2020**

**.12(2) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that all equipment and furniture was observed to be free of hazards and in good repair during the virtual walk through on this date.**

#### 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: 2**

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing	
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing,.08(1)(a)-Work Number Missing

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.08(1) - The consultant discussed with the director to please ensure the children's enrollment forms contain all required information, including the addresses for release persons and for parents' work.

**Correction Deadline: 5/6/2020**

**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. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 10/4/2019**

**Corrected on 5/6/2020**

**.25(3) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the center and surrounding premises were observed to be kept clean, free of debris, and in good repair on this date. The consultant observed the wall heating and air conditioner units to be in good repair in all classrooms during the virtual walk through on this date.**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Correction Deadline: 9/25/2019**

**Corrected on 5/6/2020**

**.26(4) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the playgrounds were observed during the virtual walk through to be surrounded by a fence that was more than four feet in height and in good repair with no hazards.**

**Food Service**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Hand washing requirements were discussed with the Director on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The consultant discussed with the director to ensure all dates included on the medication parent permission were accounted for on the medication dispensing record, including weekends and holidays.

**Safety**

**591-1-1-.05 Animals**

**Met**

**Comment**

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

**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.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All field trips have been suspended due to the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020. Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form, and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director on this date

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

**Met**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Routine transportation has been suspended due to due to the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020. Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form, and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) - The consultant discussed with the director to have staff ensure that children were placed head to toe and away from stacked chairs when napping. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 5/6/2020**

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 14**

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

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 09/09/2019

Staff # 2

Met

**Records Reviewed: 14**

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

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Date of Hire: 09/25/2018

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 11/06/2018

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 07/09/2018

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 08/07/2017

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 05/20/2016

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 03/25/2019

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 01/20/2020

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 06/08/2020

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2019

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 06/07/2016

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2020

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 02/16/2016

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 05/20/2019

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**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7**

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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.

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

**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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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 May 12, 2020.

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<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 during the virtual walk through.