



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/10/2019 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:30 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-50258

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
05/10/2019	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
05/02/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
04/11/2019	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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-infant	Infants	1	4	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C-toddler	One Year Olds	2	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	E-2's rm	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	H-3-4's	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	13	C	18	C	Circle Time
Main	Rm B	One Year Olds	1	2	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	RM D-2's	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm F-3's	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	13	C	18	C	Music
Main	Rm G	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	13	C	18	C	Circle Time
Main	Rm I	Four Year Olds	1	6	C	13	C	18	C	Centers
Main	Rm J		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 156

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 176

Total # Children this Date: 60

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 156

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 176

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A- 3 and Up	78	C
Main	Playground B - 6wks - 2 yrs	45	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is a monitoring visit and a follow up for any previous rule citations. The center provides before and after school transportation.

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

Brittany Marcus, 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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that a fish tank in classroom E was not secured on top of a shelf. The fish tank and the shelf were of a height and weight that could pose a potential falling hazard to children in care. Additionally, there was an art shelf in classroom H that was not secured and posed a potential falling hazard to children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2019

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2019

Corrected on 5/10/2019

.19(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Ten children were observed in classroom H during the visit.

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on consultant's observation that exposed concrete was observed on Playground A under the fencing near the monkey bars as well the end of the walkway on Playgrounds A and B.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center had added extra resilient surface but due to rain it has washed away. The center had also placed PVC piping around the fence to limit exposure to the concrete but the piping had come undone. The consultant discussed with the director about seeking out more permanent solutions such as adding a concrete apron at the end of the walkways that would not wash away,

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2019**Recited on 5/10/2019**

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(2)(b) - The consultant observed doctor's notes for two infant's in classroom b to have elevated mattresses due to reflux. The cribs were unoccupied and the crib mattresses were being elevated by a three ring notebook. The consultant discussed with the teacher and staff that the mattresses had to be elevated with a wedge and not a three ring notebook. The teacher immediately removed the notebooks and the director called the parents to inform them that a wedge was needed .

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2019

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) The consultant observed the rest cots in classroom C and E to only be partially covered. The consultant discussed with the director about ensuring the cot cover goes all the way to the floor and covers all the cots. The director stated that they had extra covers and would put those into use immediately.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2019

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 22 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 04/01/2019	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 04/26/2019	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 01/03/2019	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2019	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 02/26/2019	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2019	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 05/02/2019	
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 03/05/2019	
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 03/06/2019	

Records Reviewed: 22 **Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 10/06/2017	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/10/2014	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/13/2017	

Records Reviewed: 22

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 06/26/2017	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 03/18/2018	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 07/10/2016	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 05/07/2018	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 09/21/2015	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 03/18/2018	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 03/01/2018	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 04/30/2018	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 06/01/2009	Met
Staff # 22	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 22

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided eight file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.