



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/9/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

CCLC-50420

Childcare Network #316

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Same

Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation			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.
06/09/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/23/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
02/24/2021	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	1R	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	29	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Clean Up,Nap
Main	2L - Toddlers		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	2R - 4 to 5 yr olds		0	0	C	38	C	NA	NA	
Main	3L - Toddlers		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rear - School Age	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room 1L - Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	3	C	22	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding,Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 147						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 21			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 147			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Covered Patio	9	C
Main	Infant/Toddler-Left	41	C
Main	Rear Left	55	C
Main	Rear Right	86	C

Comments

Background checks were all reviewed on June 7, 2021. A virtual inspection was conducted on June 9, 2021 with the (Director/Provider). An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 28, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Additionally, Consultant discussed Rule changes that took effect on October 1, 2020 and emailed the Provider handouts with Frequently Asked Questions and related resources.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/09/2021

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.

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.

- 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.

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

Rachel James, 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

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Comment

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

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

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

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

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

Defer

Comment

Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazards: - Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and toys. Potential entrapment hazards in the fence surrounding the playground area. Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e. ants, bees, etc.). Loose and/or weak tree branches surrounding the playground area. Standing water in and around playground equipment after inclement weather.

Defer

591-1-1-.26(8)-Previous citation deferred on this date as consultant was not able to measure the depth of the resilient surface and the size of the fall zones around the five-foot slides on Playgrounds Rear-Left and Rear-Right. Compliance will be evaluated at the next regulatory visit,

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 3/1/2021

Comment

Consultant discussed with the provider to make sure that the fall zones and the depth of the resilient surface are as required for slides:

Fall Zones:

- A Minimum of four (4) feet perimeter fall (use) zone around entrance/ladder end of slide.
- A minimum of five (5) feet perimeter fall (use) zone around the exit and out from sides of slide at exit region.

Resilient Surface:

- * Three (3) inches of loose fill surfacing for equipment that measures between three and five feet high .
- * Six (6) inches of loose fill surfacing for swings and equipment over five feet high.

Additionally, consultant discussed with the Director that if mats are used under the slides, they need to be flush with the surface, and not to be a potential tripping hazards.

Correction Deadline: 6/19/2021

Food Service

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

Met

Comment

Discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

591-1-1-.20(1) - Please ensure that the parental authorization form includes all required fields. Consultant provided a copy of the Department approved sample form that the provider will submit to the corporate office and use as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/9/2021

Policies and Procedures

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

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2021

Corrected on 6/9/2021

.29(3) - Previous citation corrected on this date as the Director stated proper knowledge.

Safety

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

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

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Per Director's statement the center has not provided transportation since March , and will resume after the summer break. The bus was not on the premises at the time of the inspection.

Consultant discussed transportation requirements with the Director on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) - Consultant discussed with the provider that the form used needs to include at a minimum all of the required items as listed on the Department approved Annual Vehicle Inspection form. Consultant provided a copy of the form to the Director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/14/2021

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: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 01/31/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 06/10/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 01/28/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 05/20/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 10/15/2020	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 10/15/2020	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 05/10/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 02/12/2021	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 12/31/2018	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 01/19/2021	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 01/28/2021	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided six files for employees hired since last visit.

Comment

Please ensure that all background checks for corporate staff are ported under each individual center.

Comment

Please ensure that applicants/staff are listing exact dates (including month/day/year) on 10 year work history form in order to determine any breaks in service from the child care industry.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 28, 2021

Staffing and Supervision

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Comment

Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.