



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/1/2019 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:15 AM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

CCLC-50426

Bright Start Preschool #1

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

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.
07/01/2019	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/01/2019	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/20/2019	Initial 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
Bld 2-rm	Rm 8 infant-1 yr	Infants	2	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap
Bld 2-rm	Rm 9 1 & 2 yrs	One Year Olds	2	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 42			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 159							
Main	Rm 1-1's room	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transitioning,Circle Time
Main	Rm 2		0	0	C	14	C	20	C	
Main	Rm 3	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	16	C	22	C	30	C	Transitioning,Outside
Main	Rm 4	Six Year Olds and Over	1	15	C	24	C	33	C	Centers
Main	Rm 5	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Rm 6	Two Year Olds	2	13	NC	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch
Main	Rm 7		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 117			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 159							
Total # Children this Date: 85			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 159			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 159				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bld 2-rm 8 infant-1 yr	playground 3	16	C
Main	Playground A	65	C
Main	Playground B	18	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is a monitoring visit and a compliant investigation visit. All employee background checks were reviewed during the visit.

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/RuleAndRegulations.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://www.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.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

Shelbra McKnight, 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

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591-1-1-.12(2) - The consultant observed a wooden kitchen play set to have the right hand door off the top hinge in classroom 3. The consultant recommended that the center repair, replace, or remove the broken door.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2019

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

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - The consultant observed a plunger in the bathroom of classroom 4. The consultant discussed with the center about ensuring cleaning and bathroom supplies being kept out of reach of children in care.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2019

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

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

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

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	Not Met
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Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date. Due to the summer break the center is only providing transportation during field trips. No routine transportation is currently provided.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on a review of the field trip form that on June 28, 2019 during and after a field trip to South Georgia Regional Library at 9:30am until 12pm there was no second signature completed for the unload at the library or the unload at the center as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2019

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) - The consultant discussed with the center about ensuring there is a minimum of twelve (12) inches of space between all sleeping and resting equipment.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2019

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 20****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 12/01/2016	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/2011	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 09/25/2017	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 01/29/2018	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 01/10/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 09/26/2016	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 12/11/2017	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 10/05/2016	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 01/04/2018	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 09/18/2017	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/2011	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 07/31/2018	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 08/06/2016	

Records Reviewed: 20**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 09/19/2016	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 01/16/2018	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 02/18/2013	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 04/08/2016	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 02/01/2016	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 11/13/2015	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 06/13/2016	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 20**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)** **Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided four 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) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times and that the persons supervising in the child care area be alert, able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the chaperones and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. It was determined based on observation that a teacher in the infant classroom was observed to be asleep in a rocking chair and was not alert and able promptly respond to the needs of the children in care. The other staff member had to wake up the employee up during the visit. There were two staff members present and seven infants in the classroom at the time.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2019