



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/28/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:00 PM **Departure:** 3:00 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.
04/28/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/23/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/12/2020	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 8 infant- 1 yr	Rm 1 - 1's	One Year Olds	2	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Bld 2-rm 8 infant- 1 yr	Rm 2 older infants and 1's	One Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Bld 2-rm 8 infant- 1 yr	Rm 3 - infants	Infants	1	3	C	6	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 41			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 220							
Main	Rm 1	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm 2	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	14	C	20	C	Nap
Main	Rm 3	PreK	2	16	C	22	C	30	C	Nap
Main	Rm 4	PreK	2	12	C	24	C	33	C	Nap
Main	Rm 5	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm 6	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm 7 afterschool room		0	0	C	33	C	46	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 143			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 156							
Total # Children this Date: 94			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 184			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 220				

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

An Administrative Review was conducted on April 25, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on April 28, 2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on March 31, 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. Consultant e-mailed the provider a copy of the COVID-19 Guidance for Georgia Childcare Facilities, Interim Guidance as of March 31, 2021.

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://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

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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

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

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

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.

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. Staff should wash hands before diapering. Babies with neck control should have hands washed after diapering as well.

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

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

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**

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/Provider on this date.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Transportation vehicles was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper seat restraints, First-Aid Kit, fire extinguisher and 1st & 2nd Checks of vehicles were discussed with the Director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/13/2020

Corrected on 4/28/2021

.36(4)(f)1. - Director stated the seat belt buckle in question had been repaired and now latched correctly

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date. Discussed with director placing cots in a head to toe position in order to avoid the spread of germs.

Staff Records

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

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 09/28/2016

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 01/04/2018

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 02/18/2020

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2011

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 12/01/2016

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 07/02/2019

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 09/08/2020

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 08/26/2019

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2011

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2011

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 01/24/2020

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 10/09/2019

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 08/17/2020

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 06/04/2011

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 01/29/2018

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 11/23/2019

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 02/01/2016

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2016

Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 01/10/2018	
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 11/09/2020	
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 01/21/2020	
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 02/18/2013	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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.

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 March 31, 2021.

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**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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.