



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/9/2019 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:40 AM **Departure:** 4:50 PM

CCLC-50745

Sumter Child Development Center

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/09/2019	Initial Licensing Study	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 (HS3) - 3-5 yrs	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	B (EHS6) 2-3 yrs	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C(EHS7) 2-3 yrs	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D(EHS8) 2-3 yrs	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E(EHS9) 2-3 yrs	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F(EHS10) 2-3 yrs	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G(HS7) 3-5 yrs	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H(HS6) 3-5 yrs	Four Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	I(HS5) 3-5 yrs	Four Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	J(HS4) 3-5 yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	K(HS8) 3-5 yrs	Four Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	L(HS2) 3-5 yrs	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	M(HS1) 3-5 yrs	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	N(EHS4) 1-2 yrs	One Year Olds	2	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	O(EHS5) 1-2 yrs	One Year Olds	2	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	P(EHS1) 6wks-12mths	Infants and One Year Olds	2	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Q(EHS2) 6sk-12mths	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	R(EHS3) 1-2 yrs	One Year Olds	2	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding,Out side

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 240

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A (3-5 yrs)	96	C
Main	Playground B (6wks-2 yrs)	12	C

Comments

Permission to Operate was not issued on this date. Facility does not carry Liability Insurance. Consultant discussed Quality Rated, the new rule changes going into effect October 1, 2019 and the new Criminal Background requirements with the Director on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/09/2019

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/Regulations.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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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)



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that hazards existed in the following classrooms:

Classrooms I, J, and M: the couches in the dramatic play area had torn seats,

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will repair the torn couch seats with duck tape or remove them from the facility and check the equipment regularly to ensure it is safe to use by the children.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2019**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 hazards existed in the following classrooms:

Classroom A - a television screen was not secure and posed a tipping hazard

Classrooms B and F - computer screens were not secure and posed a tipping hazard

Classroom E - a mini refrigerator was not secured and posed a tipping hazard

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will attached the television, computer screens and mini refrigerator with velcro tape so that they are not posing a tipping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2019**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that the bathrooms located in the hallways were not fully enclosed. Further there was no ventilation in all the bathrooms.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will submit a variance for fully enclosed bathrooms and for ventilation.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2019

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****Comment**

Permission to Operate was not granted on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that there were cracked tiles in the boys and girls bathroom of the Early Head Start hallway and the flooring in Special Use Room T (cafeteria) was bulged causing a tripping hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will repair the cracked tiles bathroom and flooring in the cafeteria.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2019**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that hazards were accessible to children in the following classrooms:

Classrooms A, B, C, E, and M - teach supplies were accessible to children. Consultant observed staple remover, hand sanitizer, baby lotion, disinfectant spray, germicide, hand lotion and a hole punch.

Classroom A - an air freshener was observed taped to the wall accessible to the children,

Classroom B - the fridge was observed accessible to the children,

Classrooms D, C, N, and O - dust pans, brooms, toilet brush, and plungers were accessible to children,

Classroom S - two (2) vacuums, an appliance dolly, a presentation board, ladder and plastic bags were observed accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2019**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(8) - Consultant discussed checking all outlets to ensure they have covers and television cords are attached to the wall. Classroom M was missing two (2) covers. Classroom F had a television cord loose and not secure to the wall.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2019

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that there was a gap measuring eight (8) inches at the bottom of the entrance gate. Further consultant observed gaps between the wood rails measuring four (4) and six (6) inches when they should be less than three and one half (3-1/2) inches, posing an entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will enclose the gaps under the gate with mulch and lower the gate and add boards or screen mesh along the wood rails so that they are not posing an entrapment hazard.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2019

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Consultant discussed racking and refluffing the resilient surface at the end of the slides on playground A.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2019

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed spraying for ants due to the rain new beds were coming up on playground A.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2019

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on measurement of the diapering classrooms that classrooms B, C, D, E, F, N, O, P, Q, and R had insufficient ventilation for diapering. Each classroom required 15 square feet of ventilation when only nine (9) square feet was available.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The program will submit a variance due to the reduced classroom size.

Correction Deadline: 10/9/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.10(2) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that renovate existing plumbing facilities, to have a hand washing sink with running heated water located adjacent to the diapering area. Flush sinks shall not be used for hand washing. Cleansing procedures in other facilities shall be approved by the Department. It was determined based on observation that classrooms B, C, D, E, and F did not have operable sinks adjacent to the diapering changing tables.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the hand washing sinks are operable in each diapering area.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2019

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Safety

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

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - Consultant discussed adding duck tape on the front seat of the yellow bus.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)1 requires that children be listed individually on the passenger transportation checklist using their first and last names. It was determined based on review of transportation forms, dated from August 26, 2019 through September 6, 2019, that there were no children listed, but documented loading and unloading.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that each child is listed individually by first and last name on the checklist.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on review of transportation files that six (6) forms did not mark when a child was loaded or unloaded.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle. The designated person will also mark when a child is not present but on the list to ride the bus.

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2019

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 review of the transportation forms that the second designated Staff person did not conduct a check and sign on the transportation form for the week of August 26th through August 30th and for the week of September 2nd through September 6th.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director and Staff will retake the transportation training and submit the trainings to the consultant.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2019

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Twelve (12) of twelve (12) cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) as they were manufactured in 2011 and meet the 16 CFR 1220 codes.

Staff Records

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 05/01/2008	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 07/15/2016	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 05/16/2014	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 07/21/2018	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 05/01/2018	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 05/18/2016	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 08/12/2019	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 07/13/2018	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 07/13/2018	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 08/15/2005	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/04/2016	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 01/18/2018	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 09/09/1996	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 09/09/2019	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 08/15/2017	Met

Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 08/22/2019	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 07/21/2016	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 04/09/2009	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 07/15/2016	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 05/01/2008	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 08/07/2018	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 10/01/2013	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 09/08/2008	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 08/30/2004	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 05/01/2008	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 10/09/2012	Met
Staff # 27 Date of Hire: 10/17/2008	Met
Staff # 28 Date of Hire: 07/22/2013	Met
Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 09/28/2000	Met
Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 09/09/1996	Met

Staff # 31 Date of Hire: 08/29/2018	Met
Staff # 32 Date of Hire: 04/03/2007	Met
Staff # 33 Date of Hire: 10/23/2007	Met
Staff # 34 Date of Hire: 09/11/2013	Met
Staff # 35 Date of Hire: 07/22/2015	Met
Staff # 36 Date of Hire: 06/21/2019	Met
Staff # 37 Date of Hire: 01/08/2013	Met
Staff # 38 Date of Hire: 08/10/2016	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 21

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Technical Assistance

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. 60 of 60 staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) - Consultant discussed with the Director, if parents volunteer more than once in 90 days they must obtain a criminal background check satisfactory letter through the department.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2019

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

A supervision plan was created on this date for the bathrooms located in the hallways.