



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/18/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:00 PM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-50745

Sumter Child Development Center

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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.
08/18/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/20/2019	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/09/2019	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
Main	A (HS3) 3-5 yrs	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B (EHS6) 2-3 yrs	Two Year Olds	2	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Main	C(EHS7) 2-3 yrs	Two Year Olds	2	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Main	D(EHS8) 2-3 yrs	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E(EHS9) 2-3 yrs	Two Year Olds	2	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F(EHS10) 2-3 yrs	Two Year Olds	2	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G(HS7) 3-5 yrs	Four Year Olds	2	7	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap, Snack
Main	H(HS6) 3-5 yrs	Four Year Olds	2	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Snack, Transitioning, Nap
Main	I(HS5) 3-5 yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap, Snack
Main	J(HS4) 3-5 yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	K(HS8) 3-5 yrs	Four Year Olds	2	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Snack, Transitioning, Nap
Main	L(HS2) 3-5 yrs	Three Year Olds	2	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	M(HS1) 3-5 yrs	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning

Main	N(EHS4) 1-2 yrs	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	O(EHS5) 1-2 yrs	Two Year Olds	2	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Main	P(EHS1) 6wks-12mths	One Year Olds	2	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Q(EHS2) 6sk-12mths	Infants	2	2	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	R(EHS3) 1-2 yrs	One Year Olds	2	3	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 240					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 115			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

A virtual inspection was conducted on August 18, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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

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/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

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@decals.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://decals.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.decals.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@decals.ga.gov

Marilynn Blackshear, 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 Evaluated

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.06(4)-A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person.

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

Licensed capacity was observed to be met by center on this date.

A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic

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

591-1-1-.25(11)-A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2019

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

591-1-1-.26(4)-A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will enclose the gap with boards along the wood rails so that they are not posing an entrapment hazard.

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

591-1-1-.10(1)-A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will submit variance for and purchase air purifiers to meet the square footage capacity of each classroom. Classrooms E and F are fully potty trained older 2's and ventilation is not needed for these two classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 11/29/2019

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

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements were discussed with the Director on this date.

A virtual visit was completed on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit

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 on this date.

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 52**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2008	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/15/2016	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 05/16/2014	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 07/21/2018	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 12/04/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 05/18/2016	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 06/26/2020	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 08/12/2019	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 09/30/2019	
Staff # 11	Met

Date of Hire: 01/18/2018

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 07/13/2018

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 07/13/2018

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 08/15/2005

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 08/04/2016

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 01/18/2018

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 09/09/1996

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 05/28/2019

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 08/15/2017

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 07/01/2019

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 08/22/2019

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 10/02/2019

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 07/13/2020

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2018

Staff # 25 Met

Date of Hire: 07/21/2016

Staff # 26 Met

Date of Hire: 04/09/2009

Staff # 27 Date of Hire: 07/13/2018	Met
Staff # 28 Date of Hire: 07/15/2016	Met
Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 05/01/2008	Met
Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 08/07/2018	Met
Staff # 31 Date of Hire: 10/01/2013	Met
Staff # 32 Date of Hire: 02/25/2020	Met
Staff # 33 Date of Hire: 07/15/2016	Met
Staff # 34 Date of Hire: 09/08/2008	Met
Staff # 35 Date of Hire: 08/30/2004	Met
Staff # 36 Date of Hire: 01/03/2012	Met
Staff # 37 Date of Hire: 05/01/2008	Met
Staff # 38 Date of Hire: 10/09/2012	Met
Staff # 39 Date of Hire: 10/17/2008	Met
Staff # 40 Date of Hire: 07/22/2013	Met
Staff # 41 Date of Hire: 09/28/2000	Met

Records Reviewed: 52

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 42 Date of Hire: 09/09/1996	Met
Staff # 43 Date of Hire: 08/29/2018	Met
Staff # 44 Date of Hire: 04/03/2007	Met
Staff # 45 Date of Hire: 10/23/2007	Met
Staff # 46 Date of Hire: 09/11/2013	Met
Staff # 47 Date of Hire: 07/03/2019	Met
Staff # 48 Date of Hire: 07/22/2015	Met
Staff # 49 Date of Hire: 06/21/2019	Met
Staff # 50 Date of Hire: 01/08/2013	Met
Staff # 51 Date of Hire: 12/09/2019	Met
Staff # 52 Date of Hire: 08/10/2016	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 21

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)	Met
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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 August 15, 2020.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.
A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.
A virtual visit was conducted on this date due to COVID-19 Pandemic