



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 3/3/2020    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 9:30 AM    **Departure:** 11:30 AM

**CCLC-51181**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
03/03/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
07/19/2019	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-1R	Four Year Olds	1	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Main	B-1L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play	
Main	D-3L	Infants	1	3	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			38			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		
Total # Children this Date: 16			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 38			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and follow up on previous rule violations.

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@dec.state.ga.us](mailto: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.dec.state.ga.us/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

Andrea King, Program Official

Date

Stacy Whitten, Consultant

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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.

**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**

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(3) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor the classroom walls for chipping paint and repaint or repair as needed.

**Correction Deadline: 3/3/2020**

**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)** **Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Correction Deadline: 8/18/2019**

Corrected on 3/3/2020

.26(3) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed there to be steps leading to the playgrounds on this date, without a step off and there were no tripping hazards observed to be present.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(8) - Consultant discussed with provider to ensure all equipment that measures more than three feet high has adequate resilient surfacing. Consultant discussed that a depth of at least six inches or more is required for equipment five feet or greater in height, and a depth of at least three inches is required for equipment less than five feet in height. Please monitor the play sets and ensure adequate resilient surfacing is maintained.

**Correction Deadline: 3/13/2020**

**Food Service**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name and date.

**Comment**

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly; at least every three months or more often as needed.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10(4) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and ensure the diaper pad in the one and two-year-old classroom is smooth and non porous, without quilted stitching.

**Correction Deadline: 3/3/2020**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures. The provider stated they dispense medication, but have not had any recent medication dispensed.

**Safety**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and ensure crib sheets are changed and laundered daily or more often as needed.

**Correction Deadline: 3/3/2020**

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**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 3****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 06/27/2019

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 06/18/2019

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 06/07/2019

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Consultant observed evidence of completed satisfactory comprehensive background checks on this date for all employees.

**Comment**

Director provided one file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Met****Correction Deadline: 9/26/2018****Corrected on 3/3/2020****.33(4) - Correction of the previous citation in that all staff were observed to have completed the required first year training on this date.**

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

**Comment**

Discussed combining children of mixed ages, please be mindful of ratios when combining age groups.

**Comment**

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