



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 11/26/2019 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

**CCLC-51414**

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**Quality Rated:** No

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
11/26/2019	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/10/2019	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/26/2019	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-2R-2's	Two Year Olds	2	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B-1R-1's & 2's	One Year Olds	1	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C-1L-Infants & 1's		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	D-2L-3's & Up		0	0	C	10	C	14	C	
Main	E-Gym-1L-4's & Up	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	23	C	Centers
Main	F-Gym-2L-4's & Up		0	0	C	14	C	20	C	
Main	G-Gym-1R-4's & Up		0	0	C	13	C	19	C	
Main	Gym		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 82			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 88							
Total # Children this Date: 16			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 82			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 88		Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant/Toddler	19	C
Main	School Age	30	C

**Comments**

The purpose of this visit is to follow up on visit from October 10, 2019 and to conduct a Licensing Study. Permanent License pending Zoning approval and Fire Marshal/Building Certificate of Occupancy. The center has Liability Insurance,

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/26/2019

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/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.

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#### 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.

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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)

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Wanda Smith, Program Official

Date

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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)**

**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-.06 Bathrooms**

**Technical Assistance**

**Correction Deadline: 11/9/2019**

**Corrected on 11/26/2019**

.06(2) - Previous citation corrected on this date as consultant observed that the two year old children were moved to a classroom with a bathroom located in the classroom.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.06(4) - Please ensure that the exhaust vent in the bathroom of classroom A and B is operating and pulling the air in.

**Correction Deadline: 12/26/2019**

**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**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

**Correction Deadline: 10/10/2019**

Corrected on 11/26/2019

.25(13) - Previous citation corrected on this date as consultant observed that there were no hazards accessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 10/17/2019

Corrected on 11/26/2019

.25(3) - Previous citation corrected on this date as consultant observed that all necessary repairs were completed.

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical**

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.25(21) - Please ensure that the full length window in room A has stickers or decals placed on the children's eye level.

Correction Deadline: 12/6/2019

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Correction Deadline: 10/10/2019

Corrected on 11/26/2019

.26(4) - Previous citation corrected on this date as consultant observed that there were four feet chain link fences around the AC units.

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

**Technical Assistance**

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17(6) - Please ensure that all trash cans in the classrooms have lids.

Correction Deadline: 11/26/2019

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The provider reported no medication since the last visit and on this date.

<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

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

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 10/11/2019**

**Corrected on 11/26/2019**

**.36(4)(f)1. - Previous citation corrected on this date as consultant observed that the provider had added booster seats as required by law.**

## **Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Consultant observed eight of eight cribs to meet the Safety requirements on this date. Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. The provider will be using cots in addition to the cribs in room C for children older than 12 months of age.

**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.

## **Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 3**

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

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 10/04/2018

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2019

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 01/22/2019

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete for 11 staff.

**Comment**

Director provided one file for employees hired since last visit.

### **591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) requires, in a Center that provides transportation, that either the driver or another Staff person present on the vehicle have current evidence of successful completion of a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid offered by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and which dealt with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. It was determined based on review of records that the driver, who is also the only staff present on the vehicle, did not have evidence of First Aid/ CPR training on file.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will verify proof of CPR/1st aid training and schedule Staff so that there is always a staff person on the vehicle with this training.

**Correction Deadline: 12/3/2019**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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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.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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

**Correction Deadline: 10/10/2019**

**Corrected on 11/26/2019**

**.32(7) - Previous citation corrected on this date as consultant observed appropriate supervision, and staff stated proper knowledge.**