



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/21/2020 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 2:00 PM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

CCLC-52388

Successful Beginnings Childcare Center

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/21/2020	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		0	0	C	3	C	NA	NA	
Main	B		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	C		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 19						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Building Department		
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 19			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	44	C

Comments

Permission to operate was not granted on August 21, 2020.

The provider did not have liability insurance and had the required posting. A copy of the Executive Order issued on June 15, 2020, the Covid-19 checklist and the Covid-19 Guidance for Georgia Child Care Facilities document published August 12, 2020 was discussed and copies emailed to the provider.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted

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.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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@decal.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://decal.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.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

Erika McGee, Program Official

Date

Brianne Walters, Consultant

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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

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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. No pool on site.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

The program was limited to 10 children per the City of Savannah Business Approval letter dated February 11, 2020. Discussed that due to the current Executive Order, the program will be limited to only using Room A and either Room B or C until the order is modified or lifted. The reason for this limitation is due to the partial walls located between Rooms B and C and the rooms not being self-contained.

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

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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 the following was present:

- Several loose and deteriorating/splintering boards were present on the wooden fence located along the back portion of the playground (left, back and back right fence).
- A five-inch gap was present between the building and the fence at the left side of the playground.
- Along the front right of the playground, the chain link fence was not secured along the bottom and could easily be pushed or pulled out.

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Correction Deadline: 9/4/2020

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children.

It was determined based on observation that a wooden multi-use piece of equipment was present on the playground that was not intended for commercial use. In addition, there was not adequate spacing between each activity station to provide an adequate fall zone.

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Correction Deadline: 8/31/2020

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the following was observed:

- A section of PVC pipe used as landscape border was not attached to the next pipe along the right side of the playground, presenting a trip hazard.
- A section of the ground along the back right of the yard was uneven and presented a trip hazard.
- Thorny vines were growing on the fence along the right side of the playground.
- Gaps that measured 4 and 5 inches were present along the bottom of the railing on the porch and ramp leading to the playground.
- 2 crawl hole spaces were not covered securely along the back of the building.
- Loose wires were not safely secured to the building coming from a meter located on the right side of the building.

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Correction Deadline: 8/21/2020

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.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License **Met**

Comment

Note: The director was approved for a variance for the 40-hour director training with the following stipulations:

1. Submit verification of courses and credentials obtained to the Georgia Professional Development System, www.gapds.decal.ga.gov
2. Complete Bright from the Start approved trainings within six (6) months of Permission to Operate being granted. The required content areas are:
 - a. Advocacy for the Center, Parents, Children and Staff
 - b. Early Learning Standards (GELDS training) and
 - c. Licensing Rules and Regulations Training.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2020

Safety

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

Comment

The center's discipline policy and regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **N/A**

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation or field trips at this time. Consultant discussed with the director that prior to providing transportation and/or field trips, staff are required to complete and maintain documentation of current CPR and First - Aid Training, as well as two (2) clock hours of transportation training. In addition, prior to providing transportation, the regional consultant will be contacted to discuss and review all transportation requirements.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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.

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Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a) requires a crib that is safety approved in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards be provided for each infant. It was determined based on observation that the 3 cribs present in Room A were not in compliance with CPSC safety standards in that the cribs had a drop side and had no information showing the date of manufacture or testing data.

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Correction Deadline: 8/21/2020

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/21/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/21/2020	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/21/2020	

Records Reviewed: 6

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 4 Met
Date of Hire: 08/21/2020

Staff # 5 Met
Date of Hire: 08/21/2020

Staff # 6 Met
Date of Hire: 08/21/2020

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Comment

Satisfactory comprehensive background check letters were observed for six current staff.

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

Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Comment

A supervision plan was created for the shape of the playground and for entrance/exit from the building.