



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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Atlanta, GA 30334**

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**Date:** 1/9/2020    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 9:00 AM    **Departure:** 11:45 AM

**CCLC-582**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<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.
01/09/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/18/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/19/2019	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	
Bld 1	Rm 1- L Middle	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play	
Bld 1	Rm 2 - entrance	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Bld 1	Rm 3 - L middle	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	14	C	14	C	NA	NA	Centers	
Bld 1	Rm 4-R middle	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	8	C	11	C	Centers	
Bld 1	Rm 5-R end	Three Year Olds	2	20	C	20	C	28	C	Outside	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			66			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			106		
Bld 2	Pre-K	PreK	2	22	C	21	NC	30	C	Centers	
Bld 2	Pre-K	PreK	2	22	C	19	NC	27	C	Centers	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			40			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			106		
Total # Children this Date:			108			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			106		
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			106		

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit is a licensing study. This is the second visit of the fiscal year. The center does not provide transportation. All staff files were reviewed during the visit. The center has a waiver for the two Pre-K classrooms to have a maximum capacity of 22 children, the classrooms are in compliance.

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/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.

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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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Dianne Stith, Program Official

Date

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a 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.

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

Met

#### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

#### 591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

#### Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

### Facility

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

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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**Food Service**

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

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations** **Met**

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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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)** **Met**

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices** **Met**

**Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

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**Safety**

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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-.36 Transportation(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Correction Deadline: 7/18/2019**

**Corrected on 1/9/2020**

**.30(1)(a)3 - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The center has purchased new crib sheets and they are tight fitting.**

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 11**

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

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/21/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 01/31/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 05/21/1991	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 05/06/2014	
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 11/01/2004	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 07/13/2015	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 01/23/2013	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 01/11/2019	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 08/07/2019	
Staff # 11	Met

**Records Reviewed: 11**

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

Date of Hire: 09/14/2016

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 13**

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

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2019

Corrected on 1/9/2020

.09(1)(l)3. - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All employees had a current satisfactory comprehensive background letter on file.

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

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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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.