



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/15/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:55 AM

Departure: 10:45 AM

CCLC-586

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Quality Rated:

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.
10/15/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/30/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/06/2019	Complaint Closure	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
First	Room A	Six Year Olds and Over	2	13	C	17	C	NA	NA	Homework
First	Room B	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	4	C	7	C	NA	NA	Homework
First	Room C	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	11	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play
First	Room E	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 46			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Second	Pre-K	PreK	2	22	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 22			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Third	3's		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 12			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 58			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 80			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
First	Playground (Front)	23	C
Second	Pre-K Playground	15	C

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on October 15, 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.

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.al.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@dec.al.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://dec.al.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.dec.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov

Danielle Anderson, Program Official

Date

Stacey Foston, 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 Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center during the virtual visit on this date.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through on this date, the Licensed capacity was observed to be maintained by center.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No hazards were observed accessible to the children during the virtual walk through on this date. The center will be mindful to keep items that may pose a hazard inaccessible to the children.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute around the swings.

Correction Deadline: 11/13/2019

Corrected on 10/15/2020

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during the virtual visit on this date the center has repaired the wooden fence in the back and has installed a new 5 foot fence on the front playground.

Correction Deadline: 11/9/2019

Corrected on 10/15/2020

.26(6) -The previous citation was observed to be corrected. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through all the previously cited items were removed or repaired.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through on this date, diapering areas were observed to be in good condition. Discussed diapering procedures with the director.

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2019

Corrected on 10/15/2020

.10(4) - The previous citation has been corrected..

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through on this date, handwashing supplies were observed at all sinks. Discussed hand washing requirements with the director.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2019

Corrected on 10/15/2020

.20(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No hazards were observed accessible to the children during the virtual walk through on this date. The director stated the staff checks the children book bags for hazardous items. The center will be mindful to keep items that may pose a hazard inaccessible to the children.

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. The center's discipline policy and practices were discussed with the director.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through visit, the children cots and bedding were stored as required. Discussed safe sleep requirements with the director.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/1989	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/1989	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/01/1999	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 06/03/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 11/17/2014	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 10/06/2020	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/1989	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 01/26/2017	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 03/28/2019	
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 03/18/2019	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2005	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 13

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-.33 Staff Training	Met
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Correction Deadline: 11/29/2019

Corrected on 10/15/2020

.33(3) - The previous citation has been corrected. the staff has completed the required training.

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

Defer

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.

Defer

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2.-The staff has enrolled in a program to obtain the required credential. Evidence of enrollment was observed. This rule will be evaluated during the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The staff will enroll in a program to obtain the credential. The center will ensure verification of enrollment in the program is on file.

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2019

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through on this date, the Center was observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Adequate supervision was observed during the virtual walk through on this date.