



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/17/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:15 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-671

Hart County PreK

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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. |
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| 09/17/2019 | Licensing Study | Good Standing | |
| 03/27/2019 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
| 11/14/2018 | 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-11 mnths-1 yr | | 0 | 0 | C | 8 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | B-1-2 yrs | | 0 | 0 | C | 8 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | C-4-5 yrs | | 0 | 0 | C | 21 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | D-4-5 yrs | Five Year Olds and PreK | 2 | 18 | C | 21 | C | NA | NA | Transitioning |
| Main | E- 3-5 years | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds | 2 | 7 | C | 21 | C | NA | NA | Free Play, Transitioning |
| Main | F-3-4 yrs | Four Year Olds | 2 | 16 | C | 19 | C | NA | NA | Transitioning |
| Main | G-3-4 yrs | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2 | 16 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | Transitioning |
| Main | H-4-5 yrs | | 0 | 0 | C | 20 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | I-4-5 yrs | | 0 | 0 | C | 19 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | J-3-4 yrs | | 0 | 0 | C | 19 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | K-3-4 yrs | | 0 | 0 | C | 19 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | L | | 0 | 0 | C | 19 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | Library | | 0 | 0 | C | 19 | C | NA | NA | |

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 191

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations

Total # Children this Date: 57

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 191

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main | Playground | 521 | C |


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| Main | Playground- infant/toddler | 71 | C |
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Comments

The purpose for this visit was to conduct a licensing visit and to follow-up on the previous visit conducted on March 27,2019.

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.

- 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

Vivian Craft, Program Official

Date

Kelly Jones, Consultant

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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

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|-----------|-----|
| 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

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Met**

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

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

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

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - The consultant observed that nap mats were stored in several cribs in the 11 months to 1 year- old classroom A. Discuss with the director that the cribs do not need to be used for storage of classroom items.

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2019

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| Staff Records |
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Records Reviewed: 31

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

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|--------------------------|-----|
| Staff # 1 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 07/28/2004 | |
| Staff # 2 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 02/09/2004 | |
| Staff # 3 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 09/23/2002 | |
| Staff # 4 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 02/20/2019 | |
| Staff # 5 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 07/27/2017 | |
| Staff # 6 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 10/03/2014 | |
| Staff # 7 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 02/25/1995 | |
| Staff # 8 | Met |
| Staff # 9 | Met |
| Staff # 10 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/26/2019 | |
| Staff # 11 | Met |
| Staff # 12 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 04/03/2018 | |
| Staff # 13 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 07/30/2001 | |
| Staff # 14 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 01/19/2010 | |

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| Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 09/06/2017 | Met |
| Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 01/31/2000 | Met |
| Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 09/18/2006 | Met |
| Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 08/21/2013 | Met |
| Staff # 19 | Met |
| Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 07/31/2006 | Met |
| Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 03/20/2006 | Met |
| Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 09/29/2009 | Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u> |
| Staff # 23 | Met |
| Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 03/30/2001 | Met |
| Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 05/04/2002 | Met |
| Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 03/16/1998 | Met |
| Staff # 27 | Met |
| Staff # 28 | Met |
| Staff # 29 | Met |
| Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 09/29/1997 | Met |
| Staff # 31 Date of Hire: 12/10/2014 | Met |

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 2 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

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

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.