



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 3/27/2019    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 9:45 AM    **Departure:** 12:45 PM

**CCLC-671**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
03/27/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/14/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing
01/26/2018	Monitoring Visit	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-11 mnths-1 yr	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	B-1-2 yrs	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	C-4-5 yrs	PreK	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D-4-5 yrs	PreK	2	20	C	21	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	E- 3-5 years	Three Year Olds	2	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F-3-4 yrs	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G-3-4 yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
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: 87    Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 191    Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	521	C


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

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and follow up on previous rule violations.

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.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](mailto: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.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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Vivian Craft, Program Official

Date

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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 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)**

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Facility

**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**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

**Policies and Procedures**

**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 11/19/2018**

**Corrected on 3/27/2019**

**.21(3) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed evidence of the center to have conducted the required lock down drills for 2019.**

**Safety**

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

**Comment**

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

**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**

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats and cots was discussed with the director and staff on this date. Staff stated appropriate hygiene and laundry practices.

**Comment**

There are no infants enrolled in the program at this time.

**Staff Records**

**Records Reviewed: 23**

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

Staff # 1 Met  
Date of Hire: 06/07/2017

Staff # 2 Met  
Date of Hire: 07/27/2017

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 08/21/2013

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 02/09/2004

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 02/20/1995

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 03/20/2019

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 08/07/2017

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 03/30/2001

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2001

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2006

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 09/29/1997

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 09/29/1997

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 09/23/2002

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 12/10/2014

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 09/16/2017

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 03/16/1998

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 01/31/2000

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 07/28/2004

**Records Reviewed: 23**

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

Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 09/15/2017	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 03/20/2006	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 09/18/2006	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 05/04/2002	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 10/03/1994	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 23**

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

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided one file for employees hired since last visit.

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met**

**Correction Deadline: 12/14/2018**

**Corrected on 3/27/2019**

**.33(4) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed staff who were hired more than a year ago to have evidence of completing the required first year training.**

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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.