



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/13/2018 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 12:55 PM

CCLC-903

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
02/13/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing
07/19/2017	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
04/06/2017	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	Room A - First Left Room	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room B - Second Left	PreK	2	21	C	29	C	29	C	Circle Time
Main	Room C - Rear	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	12	C	29	C	29	C	Centers
Main	Room D - Third Right	PreK	2	21	C	32	C	32	C	Centers
Main	Room E - Second Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room F - First Right	One Year Olds	1	8	C	33	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room G - Middle Room	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	22	C	22	C	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 171						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 171				
Total # Children this Date: 87			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 171			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 171				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/13/2018

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).



Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

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

Lecretia Barfield, Program Official

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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

Children's records requirements discussed.

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2018

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**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 on the left side playground, the attached chain strap was missing from one of two swings.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters. The center will replace the missing swing chain strap.

Correction Deadline: 2/23/2018**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 on the right side playground, the right side of the wood border surrounding the play equipment was rotting and cracked.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards. The center will replace the portion of landscape timber that is in disrepair.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2018**Recited on 2/13/2018**

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2017

Corrected on 2/13/2018

.10(4) - Diaper changing surfaces observed smooth and non porous.

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

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Correction Deadline: 4/6/2017

Corrected on 2/13/2018

.20(3) - Per center Director, medication has not been dispensed since the last regulatory visit.

Consultant discussed medication documentation.

Organization

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

Comment

2018 license observed.

Correction Deadline: 2/27/2018

Policies and Procedures

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

Comment

Consultant observed completed Emergency Preparedness Plan.

Correction Deadline: 2/18/2018

Comment

Consultant observed documentation of emergency drills.

Correction Deadline: 2/18/2018

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices Met

Comment

Please make sure that all required signs are posted and up to date.

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

Comment

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Correction Deadline: 2/20/2018

Corrected on 2/13/2018

.36(3)(a-b) - Transportation training observed for Director and all staff involved with transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 17

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 04/25/2017	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 12/14/2016	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 02/27/2015	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 01/05/2015	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 12/29/2017	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 01/16/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 01/27/2017	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 02/06/2017	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 09/12/2014	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 12/07/2016	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 11/10/2015	

Records Reviewed: 17

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 12/28/2017	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 02/18/2015	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 10/06/2016	
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 01/03/2015	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 17

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR) **Met**

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete for all staff.

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

Comment

Complete kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Correction Deadline: 8/18/2017

Corrected on 2/13/2018

.33(3) - Health and safety training observed for all required staff.

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

Comment

Staff observed to follow all applicable laws.

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2018

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.