



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 4/16/2019    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 9:30 AM    **Departure:** 12:00 PM

**CCLC-903**

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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.
04/16/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/31/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/13/2018	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	Room A - First Left Room	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	20	C	15	NC	NA	NA	Free Play, Transitioning
Main	Room B - Second Left	PreK	2	22	C	29	C	29	C	Centers
Main	Room C - Rear	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	29	C	29	C	Outside
Main	Room D - Third Right	PreK	2	21	C	32	C	32	C	Transitioning, Centers
Main	Room E - Second Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Free Play, Floor Play, Nap
Main	Room F - First Right		0	0	C	33	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room G - Middle Room	Four Year Olds	1	9	C	22	C	22	C	Circle Time

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 171

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 171

Total # Children this Date: 94

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 171

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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**Comments**

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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Lecretia Barfield, 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-.03 Activities

Met

#### Comment

Discussed the following rule with the provider 591-1-1-.03(7) requires the center to provide outdoor activities daily, weather permitting.

**Correction Deadline: 4/16/2019**

#### 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.

### Facility

#### 591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Discussed the following rule with the provider as it was photo day when the consultant visited the facility 591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity

**Correction Deadline: 4/16/2019**

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

Met

#### Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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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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**Health and Hygiene**

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**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Met****Comment**

Discussed the following rule with the provider 591-1-1-.07(1) requires Center Staff to not accept a child nor allow a child to remain at the Center if the child has the equivalent of a 101 degrees Fahrenheit or higher oral temperature and another contagious symptom, such as but not limited to, a rash, diarrhea or a sore throat. When a child shows symptoms of illness during the day, the child shall be moved to a quiet area away from other children where the child shall be supervised and provided the necessary attention until such time as the child leaves the Center or is able to return to the child's group.

**Correction Deadline: 4/16/2019**

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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**Safety**

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

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.  
Discussed appropriate discipline

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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**Staff Records**

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 02/21/2018	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 10/29/2018	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 02/27/2015	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 01/05/2015	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 12/29/2017	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 02/26/2019	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 02/12/2019	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 01/16/2018	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 02/06/2017	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 08/13/2018	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 09/12/2014	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 12/07/2016	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 11/10/2015	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 11/05/2018	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 09/17/2018	Met

**Records Reviewed: 20**

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

Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 07/05/2018	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 12/28/2017	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 02/18/2015	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 10/06/2016	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 01/03/2015	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 20**

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

**Correction Deadline: 10/31/2018**

**Corrected on 4/16/2019**

**.09(1)(a) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected in that all staff have comprehensive fingerprints on file.**

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

**Correction Deadline: 10/31/2018**

**Corrected on 4/16/2019**

**.33(2) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected in that staff orientation was observed for employees.**

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

## **Staffing and Supervision**

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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.