



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 3/1/2019    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 9:15 AM    **Departure:** 12:30 PM

**CCLC-96**

**Sikes Rockin Horse Ranch**

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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.
03/01/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/12/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/14/2018	Incident Investigation 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
2	H L Pre K3Front-Guppies	PreK	2	20	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
2	I : L Pre K4-Mid-Minnows	PreK	2	17	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
2	J: Rear-Sharks		0	0	C	52	C	NA	NA	
2	Lunchroom		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 132			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 261							
Main	A: R Front-Cuddly	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B: R Mid-Puddle Duck	One Year Olds	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C: Right Rear-Busy Bunnies	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Story
Main	D: Mid-Rear-Cool Cats	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	24	C	33	C	Music
Main	E: Library	PreK	1	4	C	18	C	26	C	Centers
Main	F: Left Middle-Leapin Lions	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	20	C	28	C	Transitioning,Ce nters
Main	G: Pre K2	PreK	2	17	C	22	C	31	C	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 129			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 261							
Total # Children this Date: 112			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 261			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 261				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A:1 R-Infants	8	C
Main	PG B: 2R-Twos	10	C
Main	PG C: 3R-Two Yr	58	C
Main	PG D: Back R-Pre K	124	C
Main	PG E: Front Middle	41	C
Main	PG F: Front L-3 Yr	73	C
Main	PG G Left Back-School Age	439	C

#### **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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Katrina McKay, Program Official

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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)

Technical Assistance

##### Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

##### Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and secure the TVs in the afterschool classroom so they do not pose a tipping hazard.

**Correction Deadline: 3/1/2019**

#### 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)

Technical Assistance

##### Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

##### Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and remove the dish soap and vinegar located in the library on the sensory table supply shelf so it does not become accessible to children.

**Correction Deadline: 3/1/2019**

##### Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and repair or replace the areas of the wall in the cool cats bathroom and rocking rabbits bathroom where exposed sheet rock is beginning to develop.

**Correction Deadline: 3/1/2019**

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

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.26 - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and trim or remove the tree branches on the right toddler playground that are beginning to hang over the playground.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor and repair or replace the areas on the fencing where the fencing is beginning to detach from the ground, so that a gap more than three and a half inches does not develop. Consultant also discussed with provider to monitor the gates between the playgrounds to ensure there are no gaps between the gates more than three and a half inches wide to prevent entrapment hazards from developing.

**Correction Deadline: 3/1/2019**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with provider to monitor the exposed roots on all playgrounds and repaint as needed to prevent tripping hazards from developing.

**Correction Deadline: 3/1/2019**

**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.

**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**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Staff Records**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 11/14/2016	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 02/15/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/30/2018	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 01/21/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 06/23/2016	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 03/03/2016	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 10/01/1995	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 07/29/2016	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 08/31/2017	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2018	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 08/16/2017	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 08/29/2014	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 07/24/2018	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 11/16/2016	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 06/18/2018	

**Records Reviewed: 27****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 10/05/1995	
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/2014	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 02/12/2019	
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 10/29/2018	
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 10/30/2014	
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 06/11/2014	
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 02/13/2019	
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 12/01/2016	
Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 11/13/2017	
Staff # 25	Met
Date of Hire: 07/23/2018	
Staff # 26	Met
Date of Hire: 09/13/2017	
Staff # 27	Met
Date of Hire: 05/24/2018	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 27**

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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 four file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

**Correction Deadline: 9/12/2018**

**Corrected on 3/1/2019**

**.09(1)(d) - Correction of the previous citation in that consultant observed completed satisfactory fingerprint records check determination letters for all employees on this date.**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Lead staff education requirements are met.

<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.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.