



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 2/21/2022    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 9:30 AM    **Departure:** 11:40 AM

**CCLC-147**

**The Sunshine House #64**

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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.
02/21/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/31/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/10/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	

  

<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.

**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	1L: Threes	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	1R: School-age		0	0	C	47	C	NA	NA	
Main	2L: Pre-K	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	31	C	NA	NA	Music,Circle Time
Main	3L: Pre-K	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	6	C	40	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	4L: Twos	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	5L: ones		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	6L: infants	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	30	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 208					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 35			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 208			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	42	C
Main	B	30	C
Main	C	53	C

**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/21/2022

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



### Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

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)

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](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.

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)

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Demetria Kitchens, Program Official

Date

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April Brown, Consultant

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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date.

**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)** **N/A**

#### Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities on this date.

### Facility

**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)** **Met**

#### Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date.

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

#### Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained on this date.

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

#### Comment

Playgrounds observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

#### Technical Assistance

Please ensure all playground fences are free from rust and protruding branches as required. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure playgrounds are protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area.

**Correction Deadline: 2/21/2022**

**Correction Deadline: 9/10/2021**

**Corrected on 2/21/2022**

**Correction of citation in that there was at least six inches of resilient surface throughout all playground areas and fall zones as required.**

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) Met**

**Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

**Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete on this date.

<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR) Met**

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) Not Met**

**Correction Deadline: 9/10/2021**

**Corrected on 2/21/2022**

**Correction of citation in that the two staff members who participated in routine transportation completed the two hour transportation training as required.**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based on a review of records the annual inspection for vehicle with tag number ending in U31113 used in routine school transportation was expired as it was dated for February 18, 2021.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

**Correction Deadline: 3/11/2022**

**Correction Deadline: 9/1/2021**

**Corrected on 2/21/2022**

**Correction of citation in that the center submitted transportation checklists from January 31, 2022 through February 18, 2022 that did not exceed the maximum of 45 minutes during routine after school transportation.**

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the infant staff member and director on this date.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 11****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 06/11/2021	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 05/17/2019	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 07/24/2017	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 01/24/2020	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 03/08/2019	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 12/17/2018	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 08/27/2021	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 05/12/2021	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 08/12/2008	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 04/12/2021	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 05/20/2021	Met

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**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4**

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

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit which was completed on June 10, 2021.

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

<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 on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.