



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

Date: 7/12/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:00 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

CCLC-2144

First United Methodist Preschool & Child Care Center

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Same

Quality Rated: No

| Compliance Zone Designation | | | 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. |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|--|
| 07/12/2021 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
| 02/10/2021 | Licensing Study | Good Standing | |
| 09/16/2020 | Monitoring Visit | 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 | A-1st Left | Infants | 1 | 2 | C | 11 | C | NA | NA | Diapering |
| Main | B-2nd Left | One Year Olds | 1 | 5 | C | 10 | C | NA | NA | Breakfast |
| Main | C-3rd Left | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2 | 13 | C | 17 | C | NA | NA | Circle Time |
| Main | D-1st Right | Two Year Olds | 1 | 3 | C | 11 | C | NA | NA | Breakfast |
| Main | E-2nd Right | Two Year Olds | 1 | 3 | C | 11 | C | NA | NA | Diapering, Free Play |

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 60

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 26

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 60

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main | Playground | 39 | C |

Comments

An onsite monitoring visit was conducted on this date to take measurements for an amendment to add one licensed classroom and two multi-purpose classrooms for Special Use.

Criminal background check rules for Volunteers were discussed with the Director on this date.

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.al.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



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.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

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)

Brandy McMahan, Program Official

Date

Rachael 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

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

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair. Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute and ensure resilient surface is flush with mats beneath fall zones.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Director stated no medication had been administered since last regulatory visit. Consultant discussed proper medication documentation and procedures with the Director on this date.

Safety

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date. Discussion and redirection observed to be used throughout the center.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Staff stated following appropriate infant safe sleep practices.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 - Ensure crib mattresses are tight fitting with no gaps between the mattress and the crib. Ensure tight fitting crib sheet is not too tight to cause the mattress to bow/bend.

Correction Deadline: 7/12/2021

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 - Ensure that rest cots are free from cracks.

Correction Deadline: 7/12/2021

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 9**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Staff # 1 | Met |
| Staff # 2 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 07/29/2020 | |
| Staff # 3 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 07/20/2018 | |
| Staff # 4 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 01/04/2021 | |
| Staff # 5 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 07/12/2021 | |

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

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|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 08/09/2019 | Met |
| Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 07/12/2021 | Met |
| Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 12/17/2018 | Met |
| Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 08/01/2007 | Met |

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided two files for employees hired since last visit.

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

Comment

Consultant discussed credentials for newly hired lead teachers and obtaining copies of certificates for staff files.

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.