



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

Date: 4/5/2021 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:50 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-17693

Childcare Network #89

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
04/05/2021	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
03/08/2021	MV POI Follow Up	Good Standing
11/05/2020	POI Follow Up	Support

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	A-infant	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers,Art,Nap
Main	B-1's	One Year Olds	1	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitioning,Outside,Lunch
Main	C-2's	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside,Transitioning,Nap,Lunch
Main	D-PreK		0	0	C	26	C	37	C	Not In Use
Main	E-After School	Six Year Olds and Over	1	16	C	26	C	36	C	Outside,Music,Story,Lunch,Transitioning
Main	F-PreK	PreK	1	6	C	27	C	NA	NA	Centers,Lunch,Outside,Transitioning
Main	G-PreK		0	0	C	26	C	36	C	Not In Use
Main	H-3's	Four Year Olds	1	3	C	15	C	21	C	Lunch,Nap,Transitioning,Outside
Main	I-Pre-K	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	17	C	23	C	Centers,Lunch,Transitioning,Nap,Free Play

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 189

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 232

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A- infant/Tod	55	C
Main	Playground B-PreK	62	C
Main	Playground C-school- age	121	C
Main	Playground D	29	C

Comments

The investigation remains open on this date, pending additional information. Upon completion the finding will be reviewed with the provider and a final copy of the report will be sent.

The purpose of this visit is to complete a Complaint Intake Follow Up. The consultant was unable to complete the complaint in sight due to pending documents from two staff members.

The consultant spoke with the center director and reviewed the Executive Order. The center is following the Executive Order. The center assistant director stated medication is administered and transportation is provided. No field trips are provided at this time due to the Executive Order in place.

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/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

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)

Maria Chavez, Program Official

Date

Connie Boatright, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

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: 1

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1

Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Parent agreements observed obtained/completed.

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The center director and staff will ensure bathrooms are equipped with soap, toilet tissue and single-use towels or cloth towels used only once between launderings.

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2021

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

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

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3

Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://decal.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The center director and staff will ensure that containers used for the storage of disposable and non-disposable items such as diapers, washcloths and bed linens be: leak proof or have a leak proof disposable liner, covered, easily cleaned and maintained so contents are not accessible to the children. (The trash can located in the Pre-K room by the child hand washing sink did not have a lid. The three and four-year-old classroom C did not have a lid on the trash can which was located by the child hand washing sink. The trash can located by the diaper changing table in the two-year-old classroom I did not have a lid and contained soiled diapers.).

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2021

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

The center director and staff will ensure that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will store cots and mats so children do not have access to them and they don't take up play space and will store them so each child's bedding is separate from the others.

Correction Deadline: 4/5/2021

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 18**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 01/27/2016

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 03/05/2021

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 08/31/2020

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 01/25/2021

Staff # 5

Met

Date of Hire: 03/19/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 03/19/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 09/19/2016	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 02/03/2021	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 12/08/2020	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 11/19/2019	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 01/29/2021	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 03/22/2021	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 03/24/2021	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 02/04/2020	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 09/23/2020	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 4 file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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.