



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

Date: 11/15/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 1:30 PM

Departure: 2:50 PM

CCLC-23224

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

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.
11/15/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/18/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/04/2020	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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-1L	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B-2L	One Year Olds	2	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-3L		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D-1R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	16	C	19	C	27	C	Nap

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 55

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 63

Total # Children this Date: 34

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A	6	C
Main	PG B	17	C

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on November 15, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Reminders: Please be sure to contact the Gwinnett County Department of Health if there are positive COVID-19 cases immediately and get their guidance. Please also complete a Required Report in DECAL KOALA for all communicable diseases within 24 hours.

Please be sure to enter all temporary closures in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever your facility closed temporarily for one day or more.


Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the director.

As of August 2, 2021, all amendments are required to be entered in DECAL KOALA.

Please be sure to hide staff who are no longer employed in your DECAL KOALA account. Please reach out for help with this, if needed.



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

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.decal.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@decal.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)

Bianca Taylor, Program Official

Date

Dianne Clarke, 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 Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2021

Corrected on 11/15/2021

.26(8) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the appropriate resilient surface was observed in the fall zones. Please ensure that all fall zone areas has the appropriate amount of resilient surface by rebluffing and redistributing mulch daily.

Health and Hygiene

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Redirection is used for discipline.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Center has not provided routine transportation since the last visit.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 02/15/2021

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 09/11/2014

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 08/24/2021

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 03/08/2016

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 11/17/2020

Staff # 6 Met

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 10/25/2011

Staff # 7

Met

Date of Hire: 05/08/2019

Staff # 8

Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2009

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/18/2021

Corrected on 11/15/2021

.31(2)(b)2. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that two lead teachers are assigned with plans in place to complete credentials and another is currently in the process of being hired for the third position. Please ensure that a lead teacher is assigned for classrooms.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Adequate supervision observed on this date. Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.