



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

Date: 10/12/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 3:45 PM

Departure: 5:30 PM

CCLC-51765

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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.
10/12/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/21/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/05/2020	Licensing Study	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	Rm A: 1L - Infants	Infants	2	4	C	7	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Rm B : 1R -Infants	Infants	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Rm C : 2L - 1 yr olds	One Year Olds	3	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Rm D : 3L-Toddlers	One Year Olds	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Rm E: 4L-3 yr olds	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm F: 5L - School age		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm G: 6L-School age		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm H: 6R-4 yr olds	Three Year Olds	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm I: 5R -4 yr olds	Four Year Olds	2	20	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm J:4R - 3-4 yr old	GA PreK	2	21	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm K: 3R- 3yr olds	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm L:2R - 2-3yr olds		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 222

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 121 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 222

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Infants	16	C
Main	B - School age	99	C
Main	C - Preschool	32	C
Main	D - Two year olds	27	C

Comments

"An Administrative Review was conducted on 10/12/2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on 10/22/2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19pandemic."

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.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 1/2 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)

Brittany Pugh, Program Official

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

Observed varied activities throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 10/12/2021

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

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Met**

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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) **Met**

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Technical Assistance

Discussed maintenance of the Pre-K playground in regards to inclement weather resulting in sitting water with the Director.

Food Service

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

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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 stated the proper knowledge.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

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.

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 49****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 09/21/2009	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 09/16/2016	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 10/07/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 07/02/2020	
Staff # 7	Met

Date of Hire: 09/11/2020

Staff # 8 Met

Staff # 9 Met

Staff # 10 Met

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 08/12/2015

Staff # 12 Met

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2020

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2020

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 09/03/2020

Staff # 16 Met

Staff # 17 Met

Staff # 18 Met

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 07/15/2019

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 08/03/2015

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 05/28/2020

Staff # 22 Met

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 11/14/2020

Staff # 24 Met

Staff # 25 Met

Date of Hire: 05/12/2020

Staff # 26 Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2020

Staff # 27 Met

Date of Hire: 11/09/2020

Staff # 28 Met

Date of Hire: 07/14/2016

Staff # 29 Met

Staff # 30 Met

Date of Hire: 10/13/2020

Staff # 31 Met

Staff # 32 Met

Date of Hire: 05/29/2020

Staff # 33 Met

Date of Hire: 02/07/2018

Staff # 34 Met

Date of Hire: 08/09/2021

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

Staff # 35 Met

Staff # 36 Met

Staff # 37 Met

Staff # 38 Met

Staff # 39 Met

Staff # 40 Met

Staff # 41 Met

Date of Hire: 08/21/2017

Staff # 42 Met

Staff # 43 Met

Staff # 44 Met

Staff # 45 Met

Date of Hire: 05/10/2019

Records Reviewed: 49

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 46	Met
Staff # 47	Met
Date of Hire: 07/29/2019	
Staff # 48	Met
Date of Hire: 01/23/2017	
Staff # 49	Met
Date of Hire: 05/24/2017	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6

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

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR **Met**

Comment
Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Comment
Documentation observed of required staff training.

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