



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

Date: 1/25/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 11:45 AM

CCLC-3148

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
01/25/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/23/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing
03/16/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

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 3+	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	24	C	Circle Time
Main	B Infant/Toddler	Infants and One Year Olds	3	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,TV
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 33			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 40							
Total # Children this Date: 19			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 33			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 40				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	36	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and to follow up to the previous visit conducted on September 23, 2021.

Consultant reviewed CBC letters for seven Staff members on this date.

Consultant provided 2022 License on this date.

Consultant provided a Waiver form on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/25/2022

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.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@decal.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://decal.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)

Glenda Williams, Program Official

Date

Shannon Curtis, Consultant

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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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the Director of rotating toys and equipment after daily disinfecting and sanitizing on this date.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the Director to monitor the area carpet in the Infant classroom for cleanliness on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children when children in care are present.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the log barrier surrounding the right front swing set and left middle swing set were not connected and had exposed wood edges. It was also determined that exposed pieces of wood were located on the ground by the back wooden play set on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2022

Recited on 1/25/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director and Staff on this date.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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.

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met
Date of Hire: 07/12/2010

Staff # 2 Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/2021

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 11/30/1992	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 08/26/2019	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 01/03/1990	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 06/01/1986	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 03/08/2021	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete for seven Staff members on this date.

Comment

Director provided one file for employees hired since last visit on September 23, 2021 on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2021

Corrected on 1/25/2022

Consultant observed ten clock hours of annual training for 2021 for seven Staff members on this date.

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

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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.