



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

Date: 12/13/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:30 AM

Departure: 12:30 PM

CCLC-673

Lumpkin County PreK

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
12/13/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/23/2021	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing
10/18/2021	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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 HS 4 Yrs (Partnership)	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	B-HS 4 Yrs (Partnership)	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	C- GA Pre-K	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	D-GA Pre-K	GA PreK	2	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E-HS 3 Yrs	GA PreK	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	F-HS 3 Yrs		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G-HS 3 Yrs	GA PreK	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 144						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 94			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 144			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	144	C

Comments

Background checks were all reviewed for 17 Staff members, 1 Substitute and 2 Therapists on Monday, December 13, 2021. A virtual inspection was conducted on December 13, 2021 with the Director, Tammy Dill. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Consultant provided Live Scan Instructions, Rule Changes and First Aid Checklist 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.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 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)

Tammy Dill, Program Official

Date

Shannon Curtis, 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)

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)

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.26 – Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazards: - Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and toys. Potential entrapment hazards in the fence surrounding the playground area. Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e. ants, bees, etc.). Loose and/or weak tree branches surrounding the playground area. Standing water in and around playground equipment after inclement weather. Fall zones and resilient surface.

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

There were no children enrolled in the program on this date that require diapering at this time.

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

Comment

Discussed proper hand washing procedures with the Director on this date.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

Comment

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

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

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: 26

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 02/10/2017

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 03/15/2021

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 09/07/2021

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 12/09/2021

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

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 08/25/2020

Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 07/27/2021	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 07/20/2005	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 10/06/2021	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 11/08/2021	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 07/27/2015	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 07/27/2015	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 10/07/2020	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 05/01/2000	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 10/11/2021	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Staff # 18	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 01/03/2018	Met
Staff # 20	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 08/09/2014	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 08/19/1996	Met

Records Reviewed: 26

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 23 Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2015

Staff # 24 Met

Staff # 25 Met
Date of Hire: 12/13/2021

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

Staff # 26 Met
Date of Hire: 08/31/2020

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 14

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

Comment
Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment
Director provided six files for employees hired since last visit on May 4, 2021 on this date.

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.

Comment
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.