



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/21/2021 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 10:30 AM

CCLC-2289

Bessie's Child Care

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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.
10/21/2021	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
09/30/2021	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
08/26/2021	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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
I	A - 1st Right	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Floor Play
I	B - 2nd Right		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
I	C - 1st Left	GA PreK	2	10	C	32	C	NA	NA	Centers
I	D - 2nd Left		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
I	E - 3rd Left		0	0	C	44	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
II	F - Left Side	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Story
II	G - Right Side	Two Year Olds	1	5	C	14	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 26			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 27			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 134			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

A virtual Plan of Improvement Follow Up Visit was conducted on October 21, 2021 with the Owner. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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)



Important New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

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

Cheray Tucker, Program Official

Date

Melyn Smith, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 10**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 07/06/2021	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 04/10/2012	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 02/12/2020	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 03/31/2020	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 03/31/2020	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 09/04/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 03/19/2019	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 11/17/2009	

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 9

Met

Date of Hire: 11/16/2020

Staff # 10

Met

Date of Hire: 11/10/1997

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date during the virtual walk through.

Correction Deadline: 10/11/2021

Corrected on 10/21/2021

.32(7) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation and staff statement, in that adequate supervision was observed on this date. Staff stated that additional measures have been put in place, which include chimes on doors and all doors locked, to prevent children from leaving the classrooms unsupervised.