



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/13/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 4:00 PM **Departure:** 5:30 PM

CCLC-32723

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Quality Rated: No

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.
09/13/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/22/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
02/26/2021	Monitoring Visit	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	100-Cassatt	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	18	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	200-Cezanne	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	3	23	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Floor Play
Main	300-Van Gogh		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	400-Dali	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	11	C	25	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	500-Renoir	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	12	C	24	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	600-Michelangelo (Upstairs)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	21	C	24	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	700-Monet (upstairs)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	18	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Story
Main	800-Renibrandt (upstairs)		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	900-Da Vinci (Upstairs)	Six Year Olds and Over	1	18	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 204			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Playground Limitations					
Total # Children this Date: 121			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 204		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A Infant PG	8	C
Main	B Preschool PG	20	C
Main	C 6-9 years PG	15	C
Main	D Playground Open Area	8	C
Main	E School Age PG	17	C

Comments

Administrative Review was conducted on September 13, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on September 16, 2021 with the Director. 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.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

Charlotte Pixley, Program Official

Date

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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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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
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Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures	Met
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Correction Deadline: 8/5/2021

Corrected on 9/13/2021

.21(3) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as emergency drills were observed to be conducted since the previous citation in June of 2021.

Safety

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

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

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

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 33

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
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Date of Hire: 07/06/2016

Staff # 2	Met
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Staff # 3	Met
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Date of Hire: 07/29/2021

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

Staff # 4	Met
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Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 02/26/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/02/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 09/02/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 07/29/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 05/06/2008	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 01/12/2021	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 09/13/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 01/30/2012	
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 08/12/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 08/16/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 02/17/2021	

Records Reviewed: 33**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 07/29/2019	
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 07/06/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 07/29/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 09/02/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2014	
Staff # 25	Met
Date of Hire: 08/04/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 26	Met
Date of Hire: 06/14/2021	
Staff # 27	Met
Date of Hire: 09/01/2016	
Staff # 28	Met
Date of Hire: 08/03/2015	
Staff # 29	Met
Date of Hire: 05/14/2015	
Staff # 30	Met
Date of Hire: 01/22/2018	
Staff # 31	Met
Date of Hire: 01/29/2018	
Staff # 32	Met
Staff # 33	Met
Date of Hire: 08/22/2015	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 12 files for employees hired since the last visit conducted on February 26, 2021.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.