



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

Date: 10/19/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 11:00 AM

CCLC-1369

Candy Cane City Nursery School

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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.
10/19/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/16/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/09/2020	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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
Bld II	G-1st upper rt	GA PreK	2	19	C	23	C	NA	NA	Art,Centers
Bld II	I-Bottom Right		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Bld II	Pre-K Lower(H-I)	GA PreK	2	17	C	53	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bld II	Room F-lower right	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 90			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Green Bld	D	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 16			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	1st right	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	B 1st left	One Year Olds	2	7	C	7	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	C-2nd left		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Main	Cafeteria- 3rd left		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 73			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 154			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Black Top Playground	30	C
Main	Infant Playground	4	C
Main	Large/Back Playground	93	C

Comments

Director provided four file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/19/2021

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/RuleAndRegulations.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)

Gloria Fanning, Program Official

Date

Kesha McNeal, 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)

N/A

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

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 of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director and staff on this date.

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.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Technical Assistance
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Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - Please ensure that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. On this date the consultant observed cots accessible in 1st right classroom, lower right classroom, and 1st upper right classroom.

Correction Deadline: 10/19/2021

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 15

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
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Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/05/2021

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

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 05/24/2017

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 09/03/2021

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

Staff # 4

Met

Records Reviewed: 15**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/04/2008	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 10/17/1995	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 01/06/1986	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 02/01/1998	
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 08/02/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 08/06/2018	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 02/02/2011	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 08/05/2013	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/1999	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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 four file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

591-1-1-.33(5)- Annual training will be reviewed at the next licensing study conducted in 2022.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2021

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.