



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

**Date:** 12/28/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 1:00 PM

**Departure:** 2:00 PM

**CCLC-21997**

**Discovery Point #45**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                                  |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
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| 12/28/2021                         | Licensing Study                  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 05/27/2021                         | Monitoring Visit                 | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 01/22/2021                         | 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      |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Main                           | 1st Left    | Infants                                   | 1                           | 1        | C    | 20                          | C            | NA         | NA           | Feeding    |
| Main                           | 1st Right   | GA PreK                                   | 0                           | 0        | C    | 22                          | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| Main                           | 2nd Left    | One Year Olds                             | 2                           | 9        | C    | 16                          | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Main                           | 2nd Right   | GA PreK                                   | 0                           | 0        | C    | 24                          | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| Main                           | 3rd Left    | Two Year Olds                             | 1                           | 6        | C    | 21                          | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Main                           | 3rd Right   | Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over | 1                           | 15       | C    | 25                          | C            | NA         | NA           | Art        |
| Main                           | 4th Right   | GA PreK                                   | 0                           | 0        | C    | 27                          | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| Main                           | Back Middle | Three Year Olds                           | 2                           | 9        | C    | 35                          | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap        |
| Main                           | Cafeteria   |                                           | 0                           | 0        | C    | 38                          | C            | NA         | NA           | Not In Use |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:    |             |                                           | 228                         |          |      | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: |              | 0          |              |            |
| Total # Children this Date: 40 |             |                                           | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: |          | 228  | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: |              | 0          |              |            |

| Building | Playground                | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | PG- Front Left Playground | 18                   | C                     |
| Main     | PG- Left Playground       | 84                   | C                     |
| Main     | PG- Right Playground      | 103                  | C                     |

### Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on December 21, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on December 28, 2021 with the Director, Tara Coen. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Consultant provided Training FAQ, updated COVID19 Guidance, Weather Watch chart.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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)

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Suzan Swengel, Program Official

Date

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Lynn Schnitzer, Consultant

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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**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the consultant observed a variety of equipment and toys throughout the center on this date.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Child # 1 | Met |
| Child # 2 | Met |
| Child # 3 | Met |
| Child # 4 | Met |
| Child # 5 | Met |

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.08(1) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure children's records include parent work addresses and phone numbers on this date.

## Facility

### 591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the consultant observed the bathrooms to be clean and well maintained on this date.

### 591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Consultant observed licensed capacity to be met by center.

### 591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the consultant observed cabinets closet doors to be inaccessible to children on this date. Remember to engage lock on mini refrigerator in classroom.

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

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the Consultant observed adequate resilient surface. The Director shared routine compliance plan to maintain sufficient mulch around equipment.

## Food Service

### 591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

#### Comment

Consultant reviewed documentation that Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

### 591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

#### Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the kitchen appeared to be clean and well organized. Consultant observed refrigerator and freezer at the appropriate temperatures on this date.

## Health and Hygiene

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

Met

#### Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

#### Comment

Consultant observed staff to remind children to wash hands. Staff stated knowledge of proper hand washing requirements. Sinks were equipped with liquid hand soap and paper towels throughout the center.

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

Met

#### Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

## Policies and Procedures

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| <b>591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies &amp; Procedures</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

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| <b>591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

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| <b>591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

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| <b>Safety</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.05 Animals</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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| <b>591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Staff stated knowledge of appropriate disciplinary procedures.

**Comment**

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

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| <b>591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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| <b>591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)</b> | <b>Technical Assistance</b> |
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**Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

**Comment**

Consultant observed an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on each vehicle on this date.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.36(7)(a) - Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that the checklist identifies the driver for each route on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 12/28/2021**

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| <b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Comment**

Staff stated knowledge of safe sleep requirements for infants.

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| <b>Staff Records</b> |
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**Records Reviewed: 31**

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

Staff # 1

Met

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Staff # 2                | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 01/05/2016 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 3                | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 11/15/2021 | <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u> |
| Staff # 4                | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 11/11/2019 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 5                | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 07/24/2019 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 6                | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 02/01/2018 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 7                | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 01/08/2014 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 8                | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 02/08/2016 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 9                | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 09/27/2018 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 10               | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 09/12/2019 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 11               | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 09/02/2021 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 12               | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 10/18/2018 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 13               | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 08/23/2021 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 14               | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 01/25/2016 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 15               | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 08/05/2013 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 16               | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 07/29/2019 |                                                                                             |

**Records Reviewed: 31****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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| Staff # 17               | Met                                                                                         |
| Staff # 18               | Met                                                                                         |
| Staff # 19               | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 07/29/2019 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 20               | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 09/03/2019 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 21               | Met                                                                                         |
| Staff # 22               | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 01/04/2017 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 23               | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 10/28/2021 | <u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u> |
| Staff # 24               | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 01/18/2008 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 25               | Met                                                                                         |
| Staff # 26               | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 08/17/2015 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 27               | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 09/23/2020 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 28               | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 04/07/2007 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 29               | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 10/17/2018 |                                                                                             |
| Staff # 30               | Met                                                                                         |
| Staff # 31               | Met                                                                                         |
| Date of Hire: 09/17/2021 |                                                                                             |

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 10**

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

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) - Criminal record checks were observed to be complete. Consultant discussed with director to ensure new background checks were obtained for those about to expire.



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| <b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

The consultant observed six of six new staff members hired since May 27, 2021 to have evidence of a comprehensive determination letter on file.

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| <b>591-1-1-.14 First Aid &amp; CPR</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Consultant observed evidence of 100% of center staff employed more than ninety days certified in First Aid and CPR.

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| <b>591-1-1-.33 Staff Training</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Consultant observed documentation of required staff training.

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| <b>591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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| <b>591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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| <b>591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.