



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

Date: 9/16/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:25 AM

Departure: 11:00 AM

CCLC-28747

"In His Arms" Educational Center

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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. |
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| 09/16/2021 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
| 02/23/2021 | Licensing Study | Good Standing | |
| 09/15/2020 | 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 | PreK back | PreK | 2 | 18 | C | 15 | NC | 21 | C | Centers |
| Main | Pre-K front | Four Year Olds | 1 | 9 | C | 21 | C | 30 | C | Outside |
| Main | RM 1:1st Left | One Year Olds | 1 | 8 | C | 15 | C | NA | NA | Art,Free Play |
| Main | RM 2: 2nd Left | One Year Olds | 1 | 6 | C | 15 | C | NA | NA | Free Play |
| Main | RM 3 | Three Year Olds | 1 | 9 | C | 15 | C | NA | NA | Outside |
| Main | RM 4: Infant | Infants | 1 | 6 | C | 8 | C | NA | NA | Floor Play |
| Main | Room 6 | Two Year Olds | 2 | 13 | C | 14 | C | NA | NA | Circle Time |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 103 | | | | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 118 | | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 69 | | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 103 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 118 | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main | PGD 1-Right | 97 | C |
| Main | PGD 2-Middle | 30 | C |
| Main | PGD 3-Left | 133 | C |

Comments

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



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)

Andrew Lipski, Program Official

Date

Stacey Foston, 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 were observed accessible to the children during the virtual walkthrough on this date. The center will be mindful to keep items that may pose a hazard inaccessible to the children.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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**

. During the virtual walk through on this date, handwashing supplies were observed at all sinks. Discussed hand washing requirements with the director.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. The center's discipline policy and practices were discussed with the director.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date. School transportation logs for the previous week were observed to be complete.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Comment**

During the virtual walk through visit, the children cots and bedding were stored as required. Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 17****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Staff # 1 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 09/15/2008 | |
| Staff # 2 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 09/30/2019 | |
| Staff # 3 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 04/01/2010 | |
| Staff # 4 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 10/08/2019 | |
| Staff # 5 | Met |
| Staff # 6 | Met |
| Staff # 7 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/01/2010 | |

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| Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 05/01/2007 | Met |
| Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 03/05/2007 | Met |
| Staff # 10 | Met |
| Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 01/04/2010 | Met |
| Staff # 12 | Met |
| Staff # 13 | Met |
| Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 07/03/2005 | Met |
| Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 03/18/2019 | Met |
| Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 04/08/2019 | Met |
| Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 08/19/2019 | Met |

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 10

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Met

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2021

Corrected on 9/16/2021

.14(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. 100% of the staff has CPR and first aid training.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)-Annual training for the year 2020 was evaluated on February 23, 2021. Annual training for the year 2021 will be evaluated during the first visit of the new year.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Director has implemented a new policy to ensure staff training is completed in a timely manner.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2021

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| Staffing and Supervision |
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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.