



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

**Date:** 1/26/2022 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 11:00 AM

**Departure:** 12:15 PM

**CCLC-582**

**Miss Mothers Kiddie Care & Preschool**

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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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
01/26/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/01/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/25/2021	Licensing Study	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 1	Rm 1- L Middle	Infants	2	10	C	11	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap,Flo or Play	
Bld 1	Rm 2 - entrance	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	13	C	NA	NA	Lunch	
Bld 1	Rm 3 - L middle	One Year Olds	2	14	C	14	C	NA	NA	Story	
Bld 1	Rm 4-R middle	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	8	C	11	C	Story	
Bld 1	Rm 5-R end	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	20	C	28	C	Nap,Transitioning	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 66						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 106					
Bld 2	Pre-K	GA PreK	1	15	C	19	C	27	C	Story,Lunch,Transitioning	
Bld 2	Pre-K	GA PreK	2	11	C	21	C	30	C	Music	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 40						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 106					
Total # Children this Date: 86			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 106			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 106					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

**Comments**

The purpose of today's visit was a licensing study. The center does not provide transportation and does not dispense medication. All employee's background checks were reviewed during the visit.

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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Dianne Stith, Program Official

Date

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Beth Houtz, 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-.03 Activities

Met

#### Comment

591-1-1-.03(2) - Lessons plans were observed to be up to date and posted in each classroom.

**Correction Deadline: 1/26/2022**

#### 591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

#### Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

#### 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.

### 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

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

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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**Facility**

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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

**Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition** **Met**

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations** **Met**

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures** **Met**

**Comment**

Program observed to have complete emergency drills.

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**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices** **Met**

**Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

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**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**

**Met**

**Comment**

Thank you for reporting as required.

**Safety**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

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

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

**Comment**

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

**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 19**

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

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Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 10/12/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/21/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 01/31/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 05/21/1991	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 07/28/2021	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 02/03/2020	

**Records Reviewed: 19**

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

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Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 08/03/2020	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/16/2021	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 05/06/2014	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 01/16/2019	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 11/01/2004	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 07/13/2015	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 05/25/2021	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 08/25/2021	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 01/23/2013	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 01/02/1991	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 01/11/2019	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 08/07/2019	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 09/14/2016	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 11**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

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

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

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

**Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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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.

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

**Comment**

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