



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

Date: 5/18/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:00 AM

Departure: 12:30 PM

CCLC-23224

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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.
05/18/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/04/2020	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
10/16/2020	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
Main	A-1L	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B-2L	One Year Olds	1	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C-3L	One Year Olds	1	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D-1R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	15	C	19	C	27	C	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			55			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 63				
Total # Children this Date: 37			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 63				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A	6	C
Main	PG B	17	C

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on May 18, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 1, 2021 and was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/18/2021

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.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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.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

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@decal.ga.gov.

- 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://decal.ga.gov/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)

Bianca Taylor, Program Official

Date

Kelly Jones, 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.

Comment

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation during a virtual visit that the resilient surface on Playground A near the purple slide measured two and a half inches and the backside of the play structure measured two inches not the required six inches in and around the fall zones.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency. Owner/director stated that the mulch has been on back order for the past two months and would be delivered as soon as the supplier was able to get the mulch.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through on this date. Staff stated knowledge of appropriate discipline procedures.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing was not directly observed during the virtual walk through on this date. Staff stated knowledge of proper hand washing procedures.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through on this date. Staff stated knowledge of appropriate discipline procedures. Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****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 was not on site during the virtual visit. Consultant did not observe.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. There are currently no infants enrolled at this time.

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**Records Reviewed: 14****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 02/15/2021	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 09/11/2014	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 12/12/2013	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 03/08/2016	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 11/17/2020	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 01/13/2020	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 09/23/2011	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 11/17/2016	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 10/25/2011	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 05/08/2019	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 01/06/2021	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 06/03/2016	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 07/30/2009	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 02/01/2021	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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

Comment

14 of 14 Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

Comment

Director provided three file(s) for employees hired since last visit 11/4/2020.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) **Not Met**

Comment

Discussed director credentials and requirements with the director/owner.

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months. Consultant discussed with the director that each classroom must have a named lead teacher.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during the virtual walk through on this date. The program is in compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 1, 2021.

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2. requires teachers and lead caregivers to meet minimum academic requirements and qualifying experience at the time of employment. It was determined based on a review of records that classrooms B-2L, C-3L and D-1R do not have lead teachers that meet the minimum requirements and qualifying experience assigned to the classrooms.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience.

Correction Deadline: 5/18/2021

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) **Met**

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Adequate supervision observed on this date.