



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

**Date:** 11/24/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 10:00 AM

**Departure:** 11:00 AM

**CCLC-27412**

**Discovery Point #65**

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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.
11/24/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/13/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/24/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
			<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.

**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 1 Left	Infants	1	5	C	21	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B 2 Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	4	C	16	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	C 3 Left		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	D Cafeteria		0	0	C	38	C	NA	NA	
Main	E 1 Right	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	F 2 Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	6	C	24	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	G 3 Right		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	H 4 Right		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	
Main	I 5 Right back end	Five Year Olds and GA PreK	1	7	C	36	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 230						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 29						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	14	C
Main	Playground B	78	C
Main	Playground C	77	C

### Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on November 23, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on November 24, 2021 with the Provider.

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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Christel Radford, Program Official	Date
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Lisa Pitts, Consultant	Date
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Evelyn McBurse, Consultant	Date
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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 variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Comment**

No pool on property.

### 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**

Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazards: - Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and toys. Potential entrapment hazards in the fence surrounding the playground area. Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e. ants, bees, etc.). Loose and/or weak tree branches surrounding the playground area. Standing water in and around playground equipment after inclement weather. Fall zones and resilient surface.

### Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

**Comment**

Discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff stated proper hand washing procedures.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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

Consultant observed complete emergency drills.

**Comment**

During the virtual walk through of the program, Consultant discussed Emergency Preparedness plans and updating them on a regular basis, as well as observed posted plans.

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

Discipline was not observed due to the visit being conducted virtually, due to COVID-19. Provider stated Age-appropriate discussion and redirection is used as a form of discipline.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 09/29/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/17/2021	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 01/16/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 05/28/2013	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 09/07/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 06/03/2019	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 01/18/2021	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 05/13/2021	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 08/12/2015	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 08/31/2016	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 05/17/2021	

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

Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 08/03/2021	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 01/02/2018	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 05/10/2021	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 07/28/2020	

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)** **Met****Comment**

Consultant observed all staff to have complete satisfactory background checks on this date.

**Comment**

Director provided six files for employees hired since last visit on this date.

**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**

Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during meal times and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.

**Comment**

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