



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

**Date:** 2/24/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

**CCLC-762**

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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.
02/24/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/13/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/09/2021	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	A-1R	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B-2R	Infants	1	6	C	6	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Floor Play
Main	C-3R		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	D-Far Right		0	0	C	20	C	28	C	
Main	E- Front Left	Six Year Olds and Over	2	25	C	25	C	35	C	Free Play
Main	F-Back Left	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap, Free Play

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 85

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 103

Total # Children this Date: 47

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground-Infant/toddler	5	C
Main	Playground-prschoo-S/A	72	C

**Comments**

A in-person walk through was conducted on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/24/2022

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/RuleAndRegulations.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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Judy Medlin, Program Official

Date

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Sondra Paster, Consultant

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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**

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

**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 met by center.

**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that cleaning solution was observed to be sitting on the sink in the far left classroom.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

**Correction Deadline:** 2/24/2022

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined was determined based on observation that the back right corner fencing on the school-age area was observed to be three-feet and five inches in height due to the over accumulation of leaves. The consultant further observed the left side bottom fencing to have exposed sharp edges.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

**Correction Deadline: 2/24/2022**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observations that the following hazards were found on the outdoor play areas:

1. The ground outside of the swing was observed to be uneven with exposed concrete which posed a tripping hazard for children on the school-age play area..
2. The wooden board at the bottom of the left side fencing was observed to have protruding nails on the school-age play area.
3. The wooden boards on the infant play area were observed to have two boards loosened with exposed nails accessible to children on the back fence..

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

**Correction Deadline: 2/24/2022**

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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## 591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas &amp; Practices(CR)

Met

**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

<b>Safety</b>
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## 591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

## 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.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 9****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
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Date of Hire: 08/05/2019

Staff # 2	Met
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Date of Hire: 09/25/2017

Staff # 3	Met
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Date of Hire: 08/16/2017

Staff # 4	Met
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Date of Hire: 04/23/2018

Staff # 5	Met
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Date of Hire: 04/01/1987

Staff # 6	Met
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Date of Hire: 10/18/2021

Staff # 7	Met
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Date of Hire: 04/17/2019

Staff # 8	Met
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Date of Hire: 02/01/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 9	Met
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Date of Hire: 09/20/2019

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5****591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**Comment**

Director provided one file for employees hired since last visit on December 13, 2021..

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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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.