



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

**Date:** 12/8/2020    **VisitType:** Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 8:00 AM    **Departure:** 10:00 AM

**CCLC-51219**

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**Quality Rated:** ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
12/08/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
08/06/2019	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing

**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.

**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- 5 and up		0	0	C	42	C	NA	NA	
Main	B- 6 wk - 12 mths		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
Main	C- 3 year olds		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	D- 1's & 2's		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	E- 4's & 5's		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 77						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 77			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground - 6wks- 12 yrs	77	C

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on December 8, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on December 10, with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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.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](mailto: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](mailto: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)

Jeannette Lucas, Program Official

Date

Debrik Perry, 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-.03 Activities** **Met**

**Correction Deadline: 8/6/2019**

**Corrected on 12/8/2020**

**.03(5) - Previous citation corrected. Consultant observed Classroom A to have a wide variety of activities for school aged students.**

**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.

### 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**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

**Correction Deadline: 9/5/2019**

**Corrected on 12/8/2020**

**.26(3) - Previous citation corrected. Consultant observed the playground to have a medium sized tent used to provide shade.**

**Correction Deadline: 8/6/2019**

**Corrected on 12/8/2020**

**.26(4) - Previous citation corrected. Consultant observed the gaps on the back gate to be closed at the top.**

**Correction Deadline: 8/6/2019**

**Corrected on 12/8/2020**

**.26(9) - Previous citation corrected. Consultant observed the playground's swing barrier to be connected and there were no sharp edges exposed.**

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

**Comment**

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on December 10, 2020.

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

**Comment**

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements were discussed with the Director on this December 10, 2020.

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

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

<b>Organization</b>
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**591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License Met**

**Correction Deadline: 8/6/2019**

**Corrected on 12/8/2020**

**.16(b) - Previous citation corrected. Consultant observed the documents to prove that the Director is enrolled and currently completing the required 40 hour Director training.**

<b>Safety</b>
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**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. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on December 10, 2020.

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

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Infant sleep requirements was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding infant sleep requirements were discussed with the Director on December 10, 2020.

**Correction Deadline: 8/6/2019****Corrected on 12/8/2020**

.30(1)(b)1 - Previous citation corrected. Consultant observed all sleeping mats to be free of tears. They were all in good condition.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 4****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met

Staff # 3 Met

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 09/19/2019

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2**

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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.

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

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020.

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.