



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

Date: 6/2/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

CCLC-1385

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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.
06/02/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/12/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
03/19/2021	Incident Investigation Closure	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	Left Pre-K Wing-1R	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	37	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Left Pre-K Wing-End of Hall	Six Year Olds and Over	1	25	C	28	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning,Clean Up
Main	1L -Right Wing Infant/Toddler Side	Infants	2	12	C	12	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Floor Play,Nap
Main	2L- Right Wing-Infant Toddler Side	One Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Clean Up,Lunch
Main	3 L-Right Wing	One Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	4L Right Wing	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Nap,Transitioning,Clean Up
Main	E- Front Room Upon Entrance	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	32	C	34	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Middle Hallway-Back Pre-K	PreK	2	25	C	39	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Centers,Art
Main	Middle Rm b/f Dining Rm	PreK	1	18	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch,Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 209						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 148						Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 209				
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	back playground (toddler)	25	C
Main	left side (Pre-K/ASP)	81	C
Main	right side playground (infant/toddler)	35	C


Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on June 2, 2021 with the Provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 1, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Discussed new revision to the supervision rule, restricted food rule, and written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old with the Director on this date.



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

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.al.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://dec.al.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)

Tracy Howell, Program Official

Date

Emma Smith, 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 Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through storage of cleaning supplies and possible hazards were discussed. There were no hazards observed to be accessible to the children this date.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the playground area was observed and appeared to be in good repair. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

Food Service

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15 - 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.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15 - 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.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director and staff on this date. During the virtual walk through the diapering staff displayed proper knowledge of the rules and regulations.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements were discussed with the Director and staff on this date. Liquid soap and paper towels were observed accessible in the restroom area.

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

N/A

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the provider medication was not dispensed.

Policies and Procedures

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic Consultant observed complete emergency preparedness plans on this date.

Safety

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

591-1-1-.11 - 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 and staff on this date. Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

591-1-1-.36 - Transportation paperwork and proper check of the vehicle after transportation was discussed with the director on this date. Consultant discussed load/unload check offs and ensuring the week of transportation is listed on the logs.

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through SIDS and infant sleeping position was discussed and observed. Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through 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: 25**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 05/27/2020	
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/10/2010	
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 11/05/2020	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 11/18/2019	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 09/04/2019	

Records Reviewed: 25

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 09/14/2008	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 05/30/2019	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 10/01/2010	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 03/12/2018	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 07/25/2016	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 01/02/2017	Met
Staff # 18	Met
Staff # 19	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 08/24/2015	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 11/04/2019	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 08/10/2010	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 03/03/2017	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 01/14/2020	Met
Staff # 25	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6

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 May 1, 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. During the virtual walk through appropriate ratios were observed.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32 - Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through adequate supervision was observed.