



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

Date: 2/3/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:50 AM **Departure:** 10:45 AM

CCLC-36133

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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.
02/03/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/26/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/17/2021	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	Room A 1RT	Infants	1	1	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room B 2RT	One Year Olds	1	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room C 3 Rt	One Year Olds	2	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room D Bk end RT	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	11	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room E Bk RT Ga. Pre-k	GA PreK	2	20	C	27	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room F Back left	GA PreK	2	17	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room G 3L	Four Year Olds	1	9	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers,Story
Main	Room H 2L	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room I 1LF	Four Year Olds	2	18	C	40	C	NA	NA	Centers,Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 240						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 102						Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 240				
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	44	C
Main	Playground B	21	C
Main	Playground C	47	C
Main	Playground D	57	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a monitoring visit.

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.al.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.dec.al.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@dec.al.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@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)

Jill Huber, Program Official

Date

Mandi Sloan, 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

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

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)

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 one container of all purpose cleaner (marked "keep out of the reach of children") and one container of window cleaner (marked "keep out of the reach of children") were accessible to children in an unlocked cabinet under the hand washing sink in room 4R.

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: 2/3/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 based on observation that the fence gates on the playground, back patio, were not in good repair as they contained areas of sharp wires at the top and bottom of the fence gates.

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: 2/3/2022**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 observation that tree roots were present, posing a potential tripping hazard to the children in care, on the infant, toddler and preschool playgrounds.

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: 2/3/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that a mark/ symbol was not noted to account for one of five children during afternoon transportation from Midway Elementary School on January 25, 2022.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 2/4/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 30

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met
Date of Hire: 07/30/2021

Staff # 2 Met
Date of Hire: 01/03/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 3 Met
Date of Hire: 02/13/2020

Staff # 4 Met
Date of Hire: 12/20/2010

Staff # 5 Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2021

Staff # 6 Met
Date of Hire: 07/23/2013

Staff # 7 Met

Staff # 8 Met
Date of Hire: 07/30/2012

Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 09/10/2019	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 07/30/2017	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 03/11/2015	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 01/21/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 01/19/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 10/11/2021	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 01/06/2021	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 12/21/2021	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 12/02/2020	Met
Staff # 19	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 08/11/2011	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 02/18/2019	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 08/31/2021	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 01/19/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

Records Reviewed: 30

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 08/16/2010	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 01/06/2021	Met
Staff # 26	Met
Staff # 27 Date of Hire: 09/02/2020	Met
Staff # 28 Date of Hire: 05/10/2021	Met
Staff # 29	Met
Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 12/27/2016	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided six file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.