



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

**Date:** 5/19/2021 **VisitType:** Follow-Up

**Arrival:** 10:30 AM

**Departure:** 2:30 PM

**CCLC-1921**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
05/19/2021	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
12/10/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
05/04/2020	Complaint Closure	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	1 board		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	142		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	145		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	147		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	149		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	175-3-5yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	176-16-21 yrs		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	179-13-15yrs		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	180-10-12yrs		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	183-6-9yrs		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	184-3-5yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers, Floor Play
Main	187-3-5yr		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	191-2 yrs	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	4	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	192-3-4yrs	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	4	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Centers
Main	195-1-2yrs	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	5	C	18	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	196-6-12mth	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap
Main	Cafeteria		0	0	C	38	C	NA	NA	

	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 300	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0
Total # Children this Date: 31	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 300	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-0-3 yrs	38	C
Main	After School Playground	105	C
Main	B-4-17yrs	92	C


**Comments**

The investigation remains open on this date, pending additional information. Upon completion the finding will be reviewed with the provider and a final copy of the report will be sent.

Today's visit was to conduct follow-up from the previous visit conducted on December 10, 2020 and to conduct a complaint investigation. The center was also monitored for the current Executive Order and was determined to be in complaint with the order. The complain investigation remains open at this time.



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.

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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@decals.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@decals.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://decals.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.

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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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Sharon Borger, Program Official

Date

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Sherri Thompson, Consultant

Date