



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

Date: 11/2/2021 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 2:25 PM

CCLC-19

Childcare Network #21

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
11/02/2021	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
10/14/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
01/20/2021	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	Back Middle(infants)	Infants	2	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Lunch, Nap
Main	Front Middle	One Year Olds	2	12	NC	10	NC	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Left Back	Two Year Olds	2	12	NC	11	NC	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Left center		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	Left Front	Four Year Olds	2	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Right Back	GA PreK	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Right Front	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 104						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 71			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 104			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left and Back	100	C
Main	Right front	27	C
Main	Right Middle	6	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.

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct follow up for the previous visit that was conducted on October 14, 2021 and to conduct an incident investigation. The provider reported one new hire since the date of the last visit.

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.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)

Brown Surinder, Program Official

Date

Sherri Thompson, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined that the Front Middle classroom was observed to have two staff members with twelve one-year-old children in care on the date of the visit. The space has a capacity ten. The Left Back classroom was observed to have two staff members with twelve two-year-old children in care on the date of the visit. The space has a capacity of eleven.

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Correction Deadline: 11/2/2021

	Staff Records
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Records Reviewed: 22

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 07/28/2021	

Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/30/2021	

Staff # 3	Met
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Date of Hire: 02/04/2019

Staff # 4 Met

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2019

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 08/10/2020

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 08/30/2021

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 08/30/2021

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 11/02/2010

Staff # 10 Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/02/2021

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

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 11 Met

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 08/30/2021

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 06/07/2016

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 10/11/2021

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 10/11/2021

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 08/11/2021

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 09/02/2021

Staff # 18 Met

Records Reviewed: 22

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 09/21/2021	
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 10/11/2021	
Staff # 21	Met
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 05/29/2018	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined based on the consultant's review of criminal background checks for staff that a staff member with a hire date of November 2, 2021, had a comprehensive satisfactory criminal background check that was not ported to the center. The staff member was observed to be in the presence and supervision of another staff member who had a satisfactory comprehensive criminal background check.

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