



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

Date: 2/12/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 10:30 AM

CCLC-49701

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Quality Rated:

Compliance Zone Designation		
02/12/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/28/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
01/13/2020	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- 12mths - 35 mths	Infants	2	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B-12 mths- 35mths	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	C-6wks-12mths	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	8	NC	NA	NA	Snack
Main	D/3-5 yrs		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E/3-5 yr olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	17	C	27	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F- 6 - 9 yrs old	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G upstairs	Six Year Olds and Over	2	9	C	10	C	NA	NA	Snack
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 69			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- 6wks- 35 mths	20	C
Main	B- 3-9 yr olds	47	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on February 12, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on February 12, 2021 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.

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)

Sharon Suitt, Program Official

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

591-1-1-.03-A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 2/12/2021

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through it was observed that center was compliant with the Licensed capacity.

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 no hazards were observed accessible to children on this date.

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

591-1-1-.26 - 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

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

During an administrative review the center menu met USDA guidelines.

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. Diapering was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper diapering were discussed with the Director on this date.

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. Handwashing was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper handwashing were discussed with the Director/ on this date

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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 on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through safe sleep requirements were discussed with the Director on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 4

Staff # 1 Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2018

Staff # 3 Not Met

Date of Hire: 10/26/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 05/01/2019

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 09/30/2018

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 07/30/2018

Staff # 7 Not Met

Date of Hire: 11/08/2018

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

Staff # 8 Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2016

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-First Aid Missing,.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 09/02/2014

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2017

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2019

Staff # 12 Met
Date of Hire: 07/10/2017

Staff # 13 Met
Date of Hire: 10/01/2014

Staff # 14 Met
Date of Hire: 09/12/2020

Staff # 15 Met
Date of Hire: 09/02/2014

Staff # 16 Met
Date of Hire: 11/12/2020

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Director supplied a completed staff profile for review prior to the virtual walk through. Staff criminal records check information was verified in Koala Outback Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Met

Correction Deadline: 2/12/2020

Corrected on 2/12/2021

.14(2) - Previous cite corrected. During an administrative review it was observed that at least 50% of staff had evidence of current CPR, Due to the difficulty of obtaining a class due to the pandemic not all staff had evidence of training. The center will ensure all required direct care staff obtains training.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Correction Deadline: 1/27/2020

Corrected on 2/12/2021

.33(5) - Previous cite corrected. Training was reviewed during an administrative review.

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..

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 the center was observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

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