



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

Date: 1/10/2022 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-55312

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
01/10/2022	Initial Licensing Study	NA

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	A1L-Infants	Infants	2	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B2L-Infants-1 year olds	Infants and One Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap,Free Play
Main	C3L-Pre-K	GA PreK	1	11	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap,Lunch,Transitioning
Main	D4LBack-2 year olds	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E3RBack-Threes	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F2R-Threes& Fours	Three Year Olds	1	15	NC	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G1R-1 year olds	One Year Olds	2	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 130						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 80			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 130			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Left Playground	24	C
Main	Rear Back Playground	47	C
Main	Right Playground	45	C

Comments



An Administrative Review was conducted on December 8, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on January 10, 2022. The exit conference was conducted virtually on 1/24/22 at 5:00 p.m. with the Director. Permission to Operate will be issued upon completion of the Exit Conference and signature pages are returned to the consultant. Facility does not carry Liability Insurance. Total Capacity is 123.

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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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)

Michele Cottingham, Program Official

Date

Toni Williams, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Consultant discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. The overall licensed capacity is 80 children.

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

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Not Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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 the Consultant's observation that the wooden fence on the back playground and the infant playground need replacement wood on several spots where the fence has a hole or the wood is rotten.

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. The Center Director advised that the fence was evaluated and will be torn down and replaced within in the next few weeks. Deadline of March 15, 2022 was given for the repair or replacement.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper procedures. Sinks with warm running water observed adjacent to proper diapering surfaces in all classrooms approved for diapering.

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

Met

Comment

Observed proper handwashing observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Appropriate discipline was observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation or field trips. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hours transportation training prior to transporting children.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Eighteen (18) of eighteen (18) cribs observed) cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards as they were manufactured 2012-2017. The Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the Director during the inspection visit.

Staff Records

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 10/25/2021	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 02/27/2020	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 02/25/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 12/07/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 12/07/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/15/2013	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 06/08/2021	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 06/08/2021	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 07/05/1996	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 02/17/2020	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 02/17/2020	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2021	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2021	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 12/01/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 15	Met

Records Reviewed: 31**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 12/01/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 08/02/2017	
Staff # 17	Met
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 05/19/2021	
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 12/20/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 08/03/2021	
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 08/03/2021	
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 12/20/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 03/03/2014	
Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 03/03/2014	
Staff # 25	Met
Date of Hire: 12/28/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 26	Met
Date of Hire: 12/28/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 27	Met
Date of Hire: 12/28/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 28	Met
Date of Hire: 01/31/2014	
Staff # 29	Met
Date of Hire: 01/31/2014	

Records Reviewed: 31

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 30 Met
Date of Hire: 04/08/2016

Staff # 31 Met
Date of Hire: 04/18/2016

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6

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

Comment

Nineteen (19) of nineteen (19) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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 during the inspection visit.