



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/17/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:50 AM **Departure:** 1:35 PM

CCLC-35957

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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.
02/17/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/21/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/14/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	

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	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	11	C	34	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Main	B	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	12	C	22	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Nap, Floor Play
Main	Lunch Room	Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Field Trip
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 89					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 41			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 89			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	45	C
Main	Playground B	62	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is to complete a monitoring visit.

The director stated that they do not provide routine transportation or swimming activities.

All criminal record checks were observed complete. The director provided eight files for employee hired since 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.decal.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

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@decal.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://decal.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)



Important New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decal.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@decal.ga.gov

Amy Self, Program Official

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

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.25(14)- The consultant spoke with the director about ensuring that both bathrooms in Classroom A have working lights with a minimum of twenty-five foot candles of illumination except during rest periods. Areas used for napping shall be lit dimly. The director stated that the owner is in the process of replacing all lights in the building.

Correction Deadline: 3/18/2020

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

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Met

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2019

Corrected on 2/17/2020

.21(3) - This citation was corrected in that the center is currently conducted all required emergency drills.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.13(6) requires Center Staff to have emergency medical information on each child who goes on a field trip that includes allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications required to be taken on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and phone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility the Center uses in the area where the Center is located, and the telephone numbers where the parent can be reached. The emergency medical information shall be left at the Center as well as taken on the trip in the possession of the adult in charge of the trip. It was determined based on a review of records that 12 children went on a field trip to Rainbow Skating Center on February 17, 2020 and did not take any emergency medical information for the children present on the field trip.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center Staff will review emergency medical information for each child who goes on a field trip and obtain any missing information. The Center will ensure that this information is in the possession of both the Center and the required adult on the trip.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2020

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.13(7) - The consultant spoke with the director about ensuring that all children wear a name tag when on a field trip that includes the name of the center, the center's address, and the center's telephone number.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2020

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2019

Corrected on 2/17/2020

.30(1)(a)2 - This citation was corrected in that all nine cribs had mattresses that were firm, tight-fitting without gaps, and at least two-inches thick as required.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Director provided eight files for employees hired since the last visit.

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2019

Corrected on 2/17/2020

.09(1)(j) - This citation was corrected in that all employees had a comprehensive satisfactory records check determination on this date.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/21/2019

Corrected on 2/17/2020

.31(2)(b)2. - This citation was corrected in that all classrooms had lead teachers that meet the minimum academic requirements or were currently enrolled in school as required.

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.