



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 3/6/2019    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 9:00 AM    **Departure:** 1:00 PM

**CCLC-1371**

**Carousel Kids - New Hope**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
03/06/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/09/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/04/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

**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	1L	One Year Olds	1	5	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	1R	PreK	2	22	C	32	C	NA	NA	Breakfast, Transitioning
Main	2L	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	2R	PreK	2	21	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3L	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	4L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 81			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 133			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	25	C
Main	Playground B	46	C
Main	Playground C	122	C

**Comments**

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a monitoring visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/06/2019

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.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.

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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@dec.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.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.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)



#### 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.dec.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.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.ga.gov)

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Robin Geary, Program Official

Date

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LaQuita Clark, Consultant

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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. Equipment was observed to be appropriately secured.

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

**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**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)** **Not Met**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26 - The consultant observed the playground following days of consistent rainfall. The consultant discussed with the administrator in charge to replace and re-fluff mulch in all fall zones of the playground (beneath equipment and swings, etc). The consultant also discussed monitoring the swing chains for rust and treating/painting them as necessary.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined, based on observation, that loose ropes were hanging from a basket ball goal on the back playground and presented a hazard for children in care. Based on further observation, an exposed metal pole with a jagged edge was present and accessible to children in care on the back right side of the building and was used to mark off an area from children's use.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards. The administrator in charge removed the ropes prior to the consultant's departure and will have the metal pole removed and add appropriate material to block off the right side of the building.

**Correction Deadline: 3/6/2019**

## 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**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

**Comment**

The administrator in charge stated medication is not dispensed within the center.

## Safety

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

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) Not Met**

**Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for the vehicle used in transporting children this date. Complete documentation of transportation was on file.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined, based on review of files, that the director and two staff members participating in transportation did not have current evidence of transportation training on file.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that the Director, Center Staff, and any person responsible for the transportation of children has completed the required transportation training.

**Correction Deadline: 3/8/2019**

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30 - Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

**Comment**

Safety approved cribs and mats were observed to be available for children in care on this date.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 17**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3**

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 01/12/2017	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 08/02/2004	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 11/19/2018	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 01/28/2019	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 02/11/2019	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 02/20/2019	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 08/31/2015	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 02/22/2016	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 12/27/2017	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 08/02/2016 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u> .36(3)(a-b)-2 hrs. Transportation Training missing	Not Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/28/2017	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 02/01/1992 <u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	Not Met

.36(3)(a-b)-2 hrs. Transportation Training missing

Staff # 13 Met  
Date of Hire: 11/18/2018

Staff # 14 Met  
Date of Hire: 08/20/2018

Staff # 15 Not Met  
Date of Hire: 08/10/2012

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.36(3)(a-b)-2 hrs. Transportation Training missing

Staff # 16 Met  
Date of Hire: 12/06/2016

Staff # 17 Met  
Date of Hire: 08/14/2018

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 17**

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

**Comment**

The administrator in charge provided five files for employees hired since last visit. Current background checks were observed on file. The consultant discussed with the administrator that any staff awaiting a comprehensive background check clearance must not be solely responsible for children in care and must be supervised by a staff member with a current comprehensive background check on file.

**Correction Deadline: 10/10/2018**

**Corrected on 3/6/2019**

**.09(1)(b) - Previous citation has been corrected in that the Director now has a current comprehensive background check on file.**

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

**Comment**

Current evidence observed of all center staff employed over 90 days with CPR/first aid certification on file. Please ensure new staff obtain the certification within 90 days of employment.

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met**

**Correction Deadline: 12/31/2018**

**Corrected on 3/6/2019**

**.33(4) - Previous citation has been corrected in that documentation of first year training was observed on file. The consultant provided the administrator in charge with a list of current approved trainings to meet the first year basic six training requirement in addition to the Health and Safety Orientation training.**

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

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

## Staffing and Supervision

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### 591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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### 591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.