



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/1/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

CCLC-16542

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
04/01/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/19/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/10/2020	Monitoring Visit	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-First Left	PreK	2	17	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B-Second Lft	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C-First Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D-Back Middle	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	18	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	E-Right 1st Left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	F-BR Prek2	PreK	2	20	C	22	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	G- Prek3	PreK	3	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 106			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	2's	93	C
Main	Infant Playground	7	C
Main	Middle Playground	97	C
Main	School Age	109	C
Main	Toddlers Playground	11	C

Comments

Background checks were all reviewed on April 1, 2021. A virtual inspection was conducted on April 1, 2021 with the provider. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on February 15, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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

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)



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.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

Penny Holt, 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)

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26 - Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazards:

- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and toys.
- Potential entrapment hazards in the fence surrounding the playground area.
- Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e. ants, bees, etc.).
- Loose and/or weak tree branches surrounding the playground area.
- Standing water in and around playground equipment after inclement weather.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff stated proper hand washing procedures on this date.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

591-1-1-.30 -

Consultant reviewed the following safe sleep requirements with Provider on this date. Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back unless the Parent has provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back, but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred positions and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant, however swaddling shall not be used unless the Home has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant such as but not limited to crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 22**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 09/16/2020

Staff # 2

Met

Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 01/04/2016	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 11/10/2020	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 05/07/2018	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 03/14/2006	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 01/19/2016	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 01/06/2006	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 05/21/2020	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 01/06/2006	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 12/10/2017	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 01/04/2021	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 09/01/2006	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 02/03/2015	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 09/07/2018	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 08/23/2019	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Staff # 18	Met

Records Reviewed: 22

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 09/06/2006

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 12/19/2019

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 10/02/2017

Staff # 21 Met

Staff # 22 Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8

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

Comment

Director provided four file(s) for employees hired since last visit on November 19, 2020. The consultant observed four of four newly hired employees to have evidence of a satisfactory criminal record check letter.

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations. 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 February 15, 2021.

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.