



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/1/2018 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:10 AM **Departure:** 12:50 PM

CCLC-17168

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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. 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.
02/01/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/18/2017	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/18/2017	Complaint Closure	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	Blue Room E	8-12 yrs	0	0	C	16	C	22	C	
Main	Room A	Infants	1	3	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap, Feeding
Main	Room B	One yr olds	3	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room C	2 yr olds	2	13	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room D	3 & 4 yr olds	2	24	C	30	C	42	C	Centers
Main	Yellow Room F	5-7 yrs	0	0	C	15	C	21	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 140				
Total # Children this Date: 49			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 140				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	72	C

Comments

Consultant provided two year old parent agreement form to director on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/01/2018

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).



Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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)



Important New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

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

Felisa Lewis, Program Official

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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-.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-.06 Bathrooms**Met****Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2017

Corrected on 2/1/2018

.19(1) - Correction of previous citation in that center was observed to be caring for the appropriate number of children within their license capacity.

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****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on an observation that the playground had a resilient surface measuring two inches surrounding the swings and a fall zone measuring zero inches directly underneath the swings and slide.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 3/23/2018**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 an observation that concrete was exposed under the basketball goal and two swings were cracked and broken and a gap in the border of the swing area measuring 3.5 inches.

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.

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2018

Food Service

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

Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)4 - Ensure blankets are available to each child during rest time.

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2018

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 07/14/2017	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/09/2010	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/05/2016	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 01/24/2011	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 10/07/2013	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2004	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 10/19/2017	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 02/03/2010	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 09/12/2012	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 03/13/2017	

Records Reviewed: 13

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 11 Met
Date of Hire: 08/10/2017

Staff # 12 Met
Date of Hire: 11/07/2017

Staff # 13 Met
Date of Hire: 12/11/2008

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 13

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR) Met

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2017

Corrected on 2/1/2018

.09(1)(e) - Correction of previous citation in that all staff had satisfactory criminal record checks on file.

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

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Comment

Please replace/add missing/expired item.

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

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Not Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4)(b) allows children who turn three years old during the regular school year to remain with two year olds for the remainder of the school year but requires agreement from the older child's Parent(s) for the continued placement. It was determined based on an observation that one three year old was housed in a classroom with two year olds.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will secure parental permission and keep it on file.

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2018

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

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.