



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/14/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:40 PM **Departure:** 11:00 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.
01/14/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/02/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/27/2018	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	Infants and One Year Olds	3	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	Room B-One yr olds	One Year Olds	3	5	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room C-2 yr olds	Two Year Olds	2	19	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Breakfast
Main	Room D-3 & 4 yr olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	22	C	30	C	42	C	Transitioning, Clean Up
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: 54			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 140				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	72	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/14/2019

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.state.ga.us/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@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

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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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on consultants observation that the red sofa chair in the dramatic play area in Classroom C was torn on the corners exposing foam and an adult sized chair in space accessible to children was missing a back in Classroom E.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2019

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2018

Corrected on 1/14/2019

.12(4) - Citation corrected in that no chairs were observed stacked on this date.

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)

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2018

Corrected on 1/14/2019

.25(13) - Citation corrected in that potential hazards were not observed accessible to children on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on consultants observation that paint was peeling from the walls in Classrooms D and F. It was further determined that the rubber base was detached from the walls in Classroom F and around the toilets in the bathroom in the far back on the left side of the kitchen.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2019

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on consultants observation that two pedals were missing from the bicycle merry-go-round and the steering wheel on the blue car was cracked exposing sharp edges.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2019

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

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.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on consultants observation that the front driver's seat was torn on the right side and holes were observed in the two passenger seats exposing foam.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 1/16/2019

Recited on 1/14/2019

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Correction Deadline: 8/2/2018

Corrected on 1/14/2019

.30(1)(b)1 - Citation corrected in that no mats were observed to be torn on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 15

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 07/14/2017	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 06/12/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/09/2010	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/05/2016	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 01/24/2011	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 10/07/2013	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 03/01/2004	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 10/19/2017	
Staff # 9	Met

Records Reviewed: 15

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 02/03/2010

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 01/02/2019

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 04/09/2018

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 09/12/2012

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 03/13/2017

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 08/10/2017

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 12/11/2008

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 15

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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 on this date.