



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/14/2019 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 12:00 PM

Departure: 4:00 PM

CCLC-2636

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
11/14/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/26/2019	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
06/11/2019	POI 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
bld2-rm H	Pre-K/ school age	PreK	2	21	C	40	C	56	C	Transitioning, Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 40			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 168							
Main	Cafeteria		0	0	C	16	C	23	C	
Main	Room A - 2 1/2 yrs (right side of Bldg.)	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room B - 3 yrs (right side Bldg.)	Three Year Olds	1	18	C	30	C	42	C	Nap
Main	Room C - 1 yrs (left side of building)	One Year Olds	2	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room D - Infants (left side of Bldg.)	Infants	2	12	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap, Diapering, Floor Play
Main	Room E - 18 mth - 2 yrs (left side bldg)	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room F - 2 year olds (left side of building)	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room G - 1 yrs (left side end of hallway)	One Year Olds	2	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 168							
Total # Children this Date: 101			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 168			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 168				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	playground	67	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is a licensing study. This is the first visit of the fiscal year. The center provides before and after school transportation and home transportation. Transportation was observed during the visit. All employee records were reviewed during the visit.

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/ChildCare/ProgramsAndServices/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/ChildCare/ProgramsAndServices/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

Jazmine Newsome, Program Official

Date

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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.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/6/2019

Corrected on 11/14/2019

.08(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The center is in compliance with the local Health Department.

Facility	
591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms	Met
Comment Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.	
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 Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.	
591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)	Technical Assistance
Comment Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute under the swings.	
Technical Assistance 591-1-1-.26(6) - The consultant observed one missing pedal and one bent pedal on the red tricycle merry-go-round on the older playground. The consultant discussed with the director about repairing, replacing, or removing the piece of equipment.	
Correction Deadline: 11/24/2019	
Food Service	
591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition	Met
Comment Center menu meets USDA guidelines.	
591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations	Met
Comment Kitchen appears clean and well organized.	
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-.05 Animals	Met
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Comment

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

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 - The consultant observed one of twelve mattresses to have the beginning of cracks in the vinyl. The consultant discussed with the director about applying a water proof tape to ensure the mattress remains water proof and cleanable.

Correction Deadline: 11/14/2019

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 8

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 07/18/2019	

Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2002	

Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 02/07/2017	

Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 06/05/2019	

Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 07/08/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/11/2016	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 05/16/2002	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 04/11/2019	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on a review of records that five of twenty-five employees did not have Health and Safety training as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2019

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.