



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/11/2019 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 9:20 AM

Departure: 11:30 AM

CCLC-2636

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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.
06/11/2019	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/13/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
05/13/2019	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit POI Follow Up	Support	

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	Six Year Olds and Over	2	32	C	40	C	56	C	Art
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 40			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 168				
Main	Cafeteria	Six Year Olds and Over	1	15	C	16	C	23	C	Art, Transitioning
Main	Room A - 2 1/2 yrs (right side of Bldg.)	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room B - 3 yrs (right side Bldg.)	Three Year Olds	2	27	C	30	C	42	C	Centers, Clean Up
Main	Room C - 1 yrs (left side of building)	One Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room D - Infants (left side of Bldg.)	Infants	2	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering, Nap
Main	Room E - 18 mth - 2 yrs (left side bldg)	One Year Olds	1	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room F - 2 year olds (left side of building)	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room G - 1 yrs (left side end of hallway)	One Year Olds	2	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Story
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 168				
Total # Children this Date: 132			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 plan of improvement follow up 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/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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.decal.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@decal.ga.gov

Jazmine Newsome, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2019

Corrected on 6/11/2019

.11(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Staff were observed to use redirection and discussion in the classrooms.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2019

Corrected on 6/11/2019

.36(7)(c)2. - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Load and unload marks were accounted for each child.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 26

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 01/08/2016

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 04/20/2018

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 10/16/2017

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 05/20/2019

Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 02/13/2012	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 10/08/2018	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 04/24/2019	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 01/02/2019	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 10/15/1988	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 05/10/2002	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 12/28/2017	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 08/03/2016	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 06/06/2019	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 05/14/2019	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 03/18/2019	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 06/05/2019	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 04/12/2019	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 11/22/1987	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 01/17/2019	Met

Records Reviewed: 26**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 05/28/2019	
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 01/10/2019	
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 04/21/2017	
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 09/12/2016	
Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 06/04/2019	
Staff # 25	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2019	
Staff # 26	Met
Date of Hire: 10/18/2012	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 26

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 5/13/2019**Corrected on 6/11/2019****.09(1)(j) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All employee records were reviewed and all employees had a satisfactory Comprehensive Background Check.**

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Met
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Correction Deadline: 12/5/2018**Corrected on 6/11/2019****.33(6) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.**