



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 7/15/2020    **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit    **Arrival:** 2:30 PM    **Departure:** 4:50 PM

**CCLC-2683**

**Gingerbread House Child Care Center**

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**Quality Rated:**

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
07/15/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/17/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/22/2019	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	
Kidz Biz	G-Kidz Biz		0	0	C	63	C	88	C		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 63						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 218					
Main	A-First Left Front	One Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
Main	B-First Left Back	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play,Feeding	
Main	C-First Right		0	0	C	26	C	37	C		
Main	D-Rear Annex	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	19	C	47	C	66	C	Transitioning	
Main	E-2nd Left	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	26	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
Main	F-2nd Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	15	C	30	C	42	C	Centers	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 155						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 218					
Total # Children this Date: 56		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 218			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 218						

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

**Comments**

A virtual inspection was conducted on July 15, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on June 16, 2020 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/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.

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#### 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](mailto: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.

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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](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us)

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Yvonne Cochran, Program Official

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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**

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on July 15, 2020.

**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)** **Met**

**Comment**

A virtual walk through of the center was conducted on July 15, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No hazards were observed accessible to children during the virtual visit on this date.

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

**Comment**

A virtual walk through of the playground was conducted on July 15, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The playground was observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Correction Deadline: 2/27/2020**

**Corrected on 7/15/2020**

**.26(6) - The chains on the swings were replaced with new covers.**

### Health and Hygiene

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

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on July 15, 2020.

**Defer**

591-1-1-.10(4)- A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next in person regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

**Correction Deadline: 2/21/2019**

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

Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the Director. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed during the virtual walk through. Handwashing was observed during the virtual walk through.

**Defer**

591-1-1-.17(7)-A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next in person regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance. The Director turned the water back on in that classroom, while the consultant was present.

**Correction Deadline: 2/17/2020**

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

The Director stated that no medication has been administered since the previous visit was conducted.(This rule was not evaluated on this date).

**Safety**

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**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

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

A current inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date. Bus #1, Tag #LW1157, Bus #2, Tag #LW1158, and Bus #3, Tag #LW1156 were all inspected on December 26, 2019.

**Correction Deadline: 2/22/2019****Corrected on 7/15/2020**

.36(7)(c)2. - Proper documentation for loading and unloading of children was observed for the weeks of February 24, 2020, March 2, 2020, and March 9, 2020.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed during the virtual walk through on this date.

**Defer**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1- A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This citation is deferred until the next in person regulatory visit when the rule correction can be observed in person.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will ensure that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate the size and weight of the child and mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and is at least two inches thick. The center will replace the mats that are not two inches thick.

**Correction Deadline: 2/17/2020**

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 24**

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

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 08/02/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 01/01/1985	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 09/11/2018	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 07/14/2020	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 06/27/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 07/06/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 01/03/2019	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 04/18/2020	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 12/13/2016	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 11/04/2019	
Staff # 11	Met

**Records Reviewed: 24**

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

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Date of Hire: 08/14/2000

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 11/15/2019

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 11/18/2013

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 11/26/2019

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2019

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2019

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 04/28/2018

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 02/18/2020

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 08/26/2013

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 07/29/2019

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 02/14/2020

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 11/15/2019

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 11/14/2019

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 09/24/2008

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8**

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete for all staff employed on this date.

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training****Met****Correction Deadline: 3/18/2020****Corrected on 7/15/2020****.33(3) - Staff were observed to have completed the health and safety training. New staff completed the health and safety training in the required ninety day period.**

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

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 June 16, 2020.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.