



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 3/11/2019    **VisitType:** POI Follow Up    **Arrival:** 8:20 AM    **Departure:** 10:15 AM

**CCLC-28905**

**Cricket's Learning Center**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
03/11/2019	POI Follow Up	Good Standing
02/07/2019	Monitoring Visit	Deficient
11/13/2018	POI Follow Up	Good Standing

**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 the rules.

**Deficient** - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

**Ratios/License Capacity**

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Building 2	Building 2 Classroom 2	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 19			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	A	Infants	1	2	C	4	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	B		0	0	C	4	C	NA	NA	
Main	C	One Year Olds	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Breakfast, TV
Main	D	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	11	C	11	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	E		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	F		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 53			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 33			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 72			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- Left Playground	21	C
Main	PG- Right Playground	42	C

**Comments**

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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Erica Albea, Program Official

Date

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

<b>Activities and Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Technical Assistance**

**Correction Deadline: 2/14/2019**

**Corrected on 3/11/2019**

**.12(2) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that all furniture and equipment was observed to be free from hazardous conditions and in good repair on this date.**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12(2) - The consultant discussed with the director repairing or removing the green vinyl wedges in Classroom E that are beginning to tear in the corners on this date.

**Correction Deadline: 3/11/2019**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.12(3) - The consultant discussed with the director to ensure chairs are not stacked in classrooms when children are active and present.

**Correction Deadline: 3/11/2019**

<b>Facility</b>
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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/7/2019**

**Corrected on 3/11/2019**

**.19(1) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that all classrooms were operating within licensed capacity on this date.**

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**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 2/7/2019**

Corrected on 3/11/2019

.25(13) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that no potential hazards were observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2019

Corrected on 3/11/2019

.26(8) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the center had adequate resilient surface beneath the playground equipment and in the fall zones on this date.

**Food Service**

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2019

Corrected on 3/11/2019

.15(3) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation and staff statement, in that staff stated that bottles are heated under warm running water prior to feeding infants on this date.

**Safety**

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/8/2019

Corrected on 3/11/2019

.36(8) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that children's travel time during routine transportation did not exceed forty-five minutes on this date.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Technical Assistance

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 - The consultant discussed with the director repairing or removing the mats that are torn and not being used in Building 2 on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/11/2019