



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/17/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-3047

Children's School, The

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Quality Rated: No

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.
01/17/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/28/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/28/2018	Licensing Study	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
Building D	Upstairs Pre-K	PreK	2	17	C	25	C	NA	NA	Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 25			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Building G	Room Upstairs 1st Right	PreK	2	19	C	27	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 27			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	Building F - 1st Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Building F - 2nd Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 37			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 58			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 89			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Concrete Space	30	C
Main	Middle (Near Bldg B)	36	C
Main	Soccer Field	64	C
Main	Upper Playground Near Libra	107	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit today was to conduct a Monitoring visit.

Consultant provided her contact information.

Consultant provided a POI letter for Criminal Records Check.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/17/2019

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/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/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

Melissa Scott, Program Official

Date

Junya Herron, Consultant

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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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

There were no children enrolled that diaper in the program on this date.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

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

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Consultant observed cots are labeled for individual use.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 23

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 08/13/2007

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 08/14/2000

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 08/03/2015

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 08/17/2017

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 08/15/2012

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 08/03/2015

Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 02/01/2006	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/16/2016	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 08/01/2016	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 09/01/2003	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/15/2005	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 08/26/2015	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 08/01/2012	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 07/01/2017	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 02/09/2015	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 08/14/2000	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 08/01/2013	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 08/15/1999	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 10/01/1995	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 08/23/2012	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 08/12/2013	Met

Records Reviewed: 23**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 22

Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2016

Staff # 23

Met

Date of Hire: 07/01/2016

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 23

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

The Center will ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. During consultant review of records two staff members were observed to have a National Records Check with pending out of state results.

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2019

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

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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.