



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/3/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:10 PM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-32022

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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.
06/03/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/30/2018	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
10/30/2018	Complaint Investigation 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
Main	Downstairs - A	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	29	C	Lunch
Main	Rm B Downstairs		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm C- Upstairs	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	22	C	39	C	54	C	Nap
Main	Rm D -Upstairs	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm E-Upstairs	One Year Olds	1	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 99						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 122				
Total # Children this Date: 50			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 99			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 122				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	All Children	218	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow-up to previous 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/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.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

Felicia Payton, Program Official

Date

Princess Walton, 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**

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.

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**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed the fence requirement with the director.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2019**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on consultant observation that the climber on the playground was observed to have less than the 6 inches of resiliency surface underneath. Consultant measured 1 to inches of mulch.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2019

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discuss with the director hazardous that are accessible to children on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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) Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.11(2) - Consultant discussed with the director about staff tone of voice with children.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2019

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

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Discussed with the director and staff that children shouldn't be placed by the doors when resting.

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2018

Corrected on 6/3/2019

.30(1)(b) - Previous citation was corrected.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 11**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 02/20/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/13/2014	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 10/01/2018	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 02/05/2006	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 04/23/2024	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 03/04/2019	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 01/06/2015	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 02/20/2017	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 04/13/2015	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 10/04/2015	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 04/10/2013	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 11

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 10/30/2018**Corrected on 6/3/2019****.09(1)(c) - Previous citation was corrected.****Correction Deadline: 10/30/2018****Corrected on 6/3/2019****.09(1)(j) - Previous citation was corrected.**

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2018

Corrected on 6/3/2019

.14(1) -Previous citation was corrected.

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(4) - Consultant discuss mixed aged requirements with the director.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2019

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.