



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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**Date:** 11/18/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 12:00 PM

**Departure:** 1:00 PM

**CCLC-32848**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
11/18/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
05/28/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
12/12/2019	Monitoring Visit	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 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
Main	A-1st RT	Infants	1	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B-2nd RT		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	C-3rd RT		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	D-Middle Back	One Year Olds	1	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E-2nd Left		0	0	C	14	C	20	C	
Main	F-1st Left	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	22	C	30	C	Nap
Main	G-Far Left	PreK	2	22	C	23	C	32	C	Transitioning
Main	H-Back Right	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 149				
Total # Children this Date: 54			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 149				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Older/Back Playground	57	C
Main	Younger/Front Playground	18	C

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on November 18, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on November 18, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on September 30, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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.

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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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Sherry Nelson, Program Official

Date

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Colleen Covey, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

### 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 November 17, 2020.

**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 5**

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

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

**Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**Facility**

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**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms** **Met**

**Comment**

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

**Comment**

A virtual walk through of the center was conducted on December 17, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No hazards were observed accessible to children during the virtual visit on this date.

**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

**Comment**

A virtual walk through of the playground was conducted on November 17, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The playground was observed to be clean and in good repair. The consultant discussed monitoring and maintaining the resilient surface.

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**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition** **Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15 - The consultant discussed new infant feeding plans, feeding guidelines, and meal time requirements with the Director.

**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

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**591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations** **Met**

**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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

**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 November 17, 2020.

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**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)** **Met**

**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.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)** **Not Evaluated**

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**Policies and Procedures**

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**591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.29 - Discussed reporting requirements with the Director.

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**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.05 Animals****N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

TA-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-.13 Field Trips(CR)****N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date. Vehicle inspections were observed as follows:

95 Ford E-350, Tag # BSQ 7888, February 27, 2020

Ford F-350, Tag # RTL 2448, September 5, 2020

94 Dodge, Tag # RDA 3547-September 5, 2020

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 17****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 11/10/2020

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 09/20/2014

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 05/30/2014

Staff # 4

Met

**Records Reviewed: 17**

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

Date of Hire: 06/21/2019

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 04/12/2019

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 10/22/2014

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 06/19/2020

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 03/27/2019

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 07/10/2017

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 06/18/2019

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 10/12/2011

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 07/27/2015

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 09/10/2009

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 02/16/2012

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 12/02/2019

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 12/04/2019

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2014

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 13**

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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 observed during the virtual visit or listed on the staff list provided by the Director.

**Comment**

Director provided two files for employees hired since last visit on May 28, 2020.

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

**Met**

**Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**

**Technical Assistance**

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33 - Discussed staff training requirements with the Director.

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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 September 30, 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.