



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/12/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:35 AM

Departure: 2:45 PM

CCLC-32848

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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.
12/12/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/29/2019	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
03/29/2019	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	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	A-1st RT	Infants	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B-2nd RT	Infants	2	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	C-3rd RT	One Year Olds	1	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	D-Middle Back	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	E-2nd Left		0	0	C	14	C	20	C	
Main	F-1st Left	Three Year Olds	2	10	C	22	C	30	C	Transitioning
Main	G-Far Left	PreK	2	21	C	23	C	32	C	Lunch
Main	H-Back Right	One Year Olds	2	5	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 149				
Total # Children this Date: 62			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

Follow up to the previous visit that was conducted on March 29, 2019 was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/12/2019

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/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.

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

Sherry Nelson, Program Official

Date

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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)

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that in the Pre-K classroom, a carpet shampooer and a 2 by 4 board was in the back hallway near the cubbies, accessible to the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items. Staff removed the items while the consultant was present and placed them in a locked cabinet.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2019

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 observation that there was less than an inch of surfacing in the fall zones, sides of slides, and beneath the swings, of the wooden equipment on both play areas.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff have raked the mulch into some areas of the fall zones. There is not enough mulch available to place in all of the required areas. The Director will speak with the owner about purchasing additional mulch.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2019**Recited on 12/12/2019**

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**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Director stated that no medication has been administered since the previous visit was conducted on March 29, 2019. (This rule was not evaluated on this date).

Safety

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

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

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed. The annual vehicle inspection was observed completed on September 15, 2019.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/29/2019****Corrected on 12/12/2019**

.30(2) - Sleeping requirements were observed to be met on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 09/20/2014	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 05/30/2014	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 06/21/2019	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 10/22/2014	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 06/18/2019	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 10/12/2011	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 09/10/2009	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 02/16/2012	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 12/02/2019	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 12/04/2019	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 10/14/2014	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12

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

Director provided five files for employees hired since last visit on March 29, 2019.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Met
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Correction Deadline: 1/20/2019

Corrected on 12/12/2019

.33(6) - Annual training was observed for the 2018 year.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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.