



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/23/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:25 AM

Departure: 12:10 PM

CCLC-3548

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
10/23/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/07/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
06/20/2019	Complaint Closure	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	Cafeteria		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA		
Main	Rm 1 (First Right)	Infants	2	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding	
Main	Rm 10 (4th Lt.)	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning	
Main	Rm 12 (5th Lt.)		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Main	Rm 3 (2nd Rt.)	One Year Olds	1	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	Rm 4 (1st Lt.)	One Year Olds	2	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	Rm 5 (3rd Rt.)		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA		
Main	Rm 6 (2nd Lt.)	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Main	Rm 7 (4th Rt. Therapy)	Six Year Olds and Over	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Homework	
Main	Rm 8 (3rd Lt.)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch	
Main	Rm 9 (Pre-K-5th & 6th Rt)	PreK	2	11	C	24	C	NA	NA	Lunch	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 149						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 53						Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 149				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant Playground	7	C
Main	Lt. Playground	91	C

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on October 23, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

The completed video affidavit form is due by October 30, 2020.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/23/2020

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.al.ga.gov/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.al.ga.gov.

- 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.al.ga.gov/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

Stacey Davis, Program Official

Date

Stacey Foston, 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 Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed during a virtual walk through on this date. 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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through on this date, the Licensed capacity was observed to be met by center.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No hazards were observed accessible to the children during the virtual walk through on this date. The center will be mindful to keep items that may pose a hazard inaccessible to the children.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discussed maintenance of resilient surface with the director. Please fluff and redistribute.

Correction Deadline: 11/29/2019

Corrected on 10/23/2020

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual visit the previous citation was observed to be corrected.

Food Service

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15 - Discussed new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15 -. Please ensure the new updated infant feeding form is used. Discussed revision to the written feeding plans for children under the age of 1 years old. Age-appropriate solid foods (including cereal) shall not be given to infants or children less than one (1) year of age until recommended as developmentally appropriate by the child's primary care physician and indicated in writing by the Parent(s). As soon as the feeding plan indicates that a child is ready for solid foods, the child shall be fed from individual spoons and individual containers or dishes. A child shall not be fed directly from the original baby food container if the contents are to be fed to the child at more than one (1) meal or to more than one (1) child.

Correction Deadline: 11/7/2019

Corrected on 10/23/2020

.15(3) -The previous citation was observed to be corrected. A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The children bottles were labeled as required during the visit.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through on this date, diapering areas were observed to be in good condition. The Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through on this date, handwashing supplies were observed at all sinks. Discussed hand washing requirements with the director.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

N/A

Comment

The Director stated the center currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. The center's discipline policy and practices were discussed with the director.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through visit, the children mats and bedding were stored as required. Discussed safe sleep requirements with the director.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 28

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 04/15/2013	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/06/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 12/10/2014	
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 07/30/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/20/2020	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 10/07/2013	
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 06/10/2019	
Staff # 12	Not Met
Date of Hire: 07/13/2020	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.09-Criminal Records Check Missing	
Staff # 13	Met

Records Reviewed: 28

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 08/12/2016	Met
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Staff # 18	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 09/20/2017	Met
Staff # 20	Met
Staff # 21	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 02/28/2008	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 05/15/2020	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 01/27/2020	Met
Staff # 25	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 07/12/2017	Met
Staff # 27 Date of Hire: 01/22/2020	Met
Staff # 28 Date of Hire: 10/05/2018	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined based on a review of records that the most recently issued determination letter was not electronically ported for staff #12 before the staff started working at the center on July 13, 2020. Staff #12 was observed working in the classroom with children during a virtual visit on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that only the most recently issued determination letter is electronically ported for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure CRC rules are maintained.

The video affidavit form should be submitted by October 30, 2020. The center electronically ported staff #12 determination letter on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/23/2020

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 August 15, 2020.

Staffing and Supervision**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The center was observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios during the virtual walk through on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32 - Discussed new revision to the supervision rule which states: Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Adequate supervision was observed during the virtual walk through on this date.