



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/24/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 1:45 PM **Departure:** 2:45 PM

CCLC-37229

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Quality Rated: No

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
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| 09/24/2020 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |
| 02/24/2020 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |
| 08/22/2019 | Licensing Study | 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(dramatic play) | | 0 | 0 | C | 4 | C | NA | NA | | |
| Main | B(Library) | | 0 | 0 | C | 10 | C | NA | NA | | |
| Main | C(Game) | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds | 1 | 8 | C | 8 | C | NA | NA | Centers | |
| Main | D(arts) | | 0 | 0 | C | 6 | C | NA | NA | | |
| Main | E(movie) | | 0 | 0 | C | 6 | C | NA | NA | | |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: | | | | | | 34 | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: | | | | 0 |
| Total # Children this Date: 8 | | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: | | | 34 | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: | | | | 0 |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main | Playground | 24 | C |

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on September 24, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on September 25, 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.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/24/2020

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.decal.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@decal.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://decal.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.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

Thewanna Austell, Program Official

Date

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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

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center during the Virtual Visit.

Correction Deadline: 2/24/2020

Corrected on 9/24/2020

.12(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected during the Virtual Visit.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 4

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

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| Child # 1 | Met |
| Child # 2 | Met |
| Child # 3 | Met |
| Child # 4 | Met |

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized during the Administrative Review.

Facility**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 2/24/2020****Corrected on 9/24/2020****.19(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Appropriate licensed capacity was observed throughout the Virtual Visit.****591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 2/24/2020****Corrected on 9/24/2020****.25(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The outlet covered was observed to be replaced during the Virtual Visit.****591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair. Routine playground maintenance was discussed during the Virtual Visit.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures were discussed during the Virtual Visit.

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

Proper hand washing procedures were discussed during the Virtual Visit.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

The Provider 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. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director 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**

Cleaning and disinfecting of mats and sheets were discussed during the Virtual Visit.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

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| Staff # 1 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 02/21/2020 | |
| Staff # 2 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/05/2014 | |
| Staff # 3 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/05/2014 | |
| Staff # 4 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 11/01/2017 | |
| Staff # 5 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/25/2014 | |
| Staff # 6 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 02/25/2020 | |
| Staff # 7 | Met |

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR during the Administrative Review.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Defer

Correction Deadline: 10/23/2020

Corrected on 9/24/2020

.33(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)- This citation will be evaluated at the next regulatory visit conducted after January 1, 2021.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Previously Cited: The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed. The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 1/1/2021

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) Not 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.

Finding

591-1-1-.31(2)(c) requires the Center to maintain a copy and/or written verification of the credential or degree awarded to the lead teacher that is required by these rules in the lead teacher's file, to make the document available for inspection and to provide the document to Department staff upon request. It was determined based on staff statements and a review of staff files that the teacher in Room B did not possess one of the qualifying credentials.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will review lead teacher records to ensure the required documentation is on file and will obtain and file it if not found.

Correction Deadline: 10/23/2020

Recited on 9/24/2020

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| Staffing and Supervision |
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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 during the Virtual Visit.

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

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs during the Virtual Visit.