



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/24/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 11:40 AM

CCLC-37385

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Quality Rated: No

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.
11/24/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/08/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/31/2019	Incident Investigation Closure	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
Bld 1	Garden	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	15	C	30	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Circle Time
Bld 1	Honeycomb		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Bld 1	Rosemary		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	
Bld 1	Tadpoles	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bld 1	Terrance		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	
Bld 1	Willow	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	15	C	30	C	NA	NA	Free Play
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Bldg II	Butterflies	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg II	Caterpillars	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside, Nap
Bldg II	Lilacs	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Music
Bldg II	Sprouts		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Bldg II	Sunflowers		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Bldg II	Upper- Magnolia		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 122			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 57			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 272			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bld 1	garden	20	C
Bld 1	large	241	C
Bldg II	small	227	C

Comments


An Administrative Review was conducted on November 24, 2020. Staff files, children’s files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on November 24, 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 infant feeding plan was discussed with the Director during the virtual visits, for rule changes effective October 01, 2020.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/24/2020

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

Katheryne Michelle Carter, Program Official

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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. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

591-1-1-.08(1) - The Center will ensure that the full addresses of the person (s) to whom the child may be released, to is completed on all forms.

Correction Deadline: 11/24/2020

Facility

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

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by Center. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on August 15, 2020.

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

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained. Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2020

Corrected on 11/24/2020

.25(3) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that the border at the bottom of the wall in the back right section of the Sprouts classroom had been repaired.

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

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 1/20/2020

Corrected on 11/24/2020

.26(6) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that the left side of the green slide in the toddler playground that was cracked had been repaired.

Health and Hygiene

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.

Correction Deadline: 1/8/2020

Corrected on 11/24/2020

.10(4) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that the diaper changing pad in the Butterfly classroom that was ripped had been replaced.

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

Comment

Hand washing and sanitizing requirements were discussed with the Director on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

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.

Comment

Center does not provide transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Pleasant nap time environment observed. SIDS and the infant sleeping position also discussed with the Director.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 26

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 05/12/2014	
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 07/20/2020	
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 06/08/2015	
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 04/13/2015	
Staff # 15	Met
Staff # 16	Met

Records Reviewed: 26

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 17	Met
Staff # 18	Met
Staff # 19	Met
Staff # 20	Met
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 10/15/2019	
Staff # 22	Met
Staff # 23	Met
Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 07/29/2019	
Staff # 25	Met
Staff # 26	Met
Date of Hire: 05/27/2015	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.