



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/15/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:05 AM

Departure: 4:00 PM

CCLC-46519

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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.
10/15/2020	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/15/2020	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
04/21/2020	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					
Main	A - 104	Infants	1	4	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play					
Main	B - 106		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use					
Main	C - 108	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch					
Main	D - 110	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	25	C	NA	NA	Lunch					
Main	E - 120	Infants	3	6	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap					
Main	F - 119	One Year Olds	3	13	C	35	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Music					
Main	G - 117		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	Not In Use					
Main	H - 115	Three Year Olds	1	4	C	28	C	NA	NA	Nap					
Main	I - 228		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use					
Main	J - 226	One Year Olds	2	5	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap					
Main	K - 222	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	26	C	NA	NA	Nap					
Main	L - 220	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	31	C	NA	NA	Nap					
Main	M - 216	PreK	2	13	C	38	C	NA	NA	Story					
Main	N - 213	PreK	2	9	C	34	C	NA	NA	Story					
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 350						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0									
Total # Children this Date: 85						Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 350					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Up left	17	C
Main	B - Up back	70	C


Main	C - Downstairs Rt	22	C
Main	D - Down Splash Pad	19	C
Main	E - Nature Walk	9	C
Main	F - Down Garden	15	C
Main	G - Downstairs Back	31	C

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on October 15, 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 10/15/2020

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.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

Loni Smith, 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 Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were 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.

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 an appropriate number of children observed in this date, and the center was in compliance with the licensed capacity. Licensed capacity observed to be routinely 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. During the virtual walk through storage of cleaning supplies and possible hazards were discussed. There were no hazards observed to be accessible to the children this date.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the playground area was observed and appeared to be in good repair

Health and Hygiene

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Director on this date. During the virtual walk through diapering was observed. Please ensure staff maintain at least one hand on the child at all times and all necessary materials are obtained prior to bringing a child over the diapering area.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing was observed on this date. Liquid soap and paper towels were observed accessible in the handwashing areas.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.21(3)-A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years. The center will conduct both a lock down drill and a tornado drill in March 2020 to maintain the required schedule.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2020

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.11 - 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. Staff stated proper knowledge of the rules.

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 appropriate infant sleep spaces were observed. SIDS and infant sleeping position was discussed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 49**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 09/11/2006

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 08/18/2020

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 07/13/2020

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 06/06/2019

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 01/22/2019

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 08/20/2010

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 12/06/2018

Staff # 8 Met

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 03/12/2020

Staff # 10 Met

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 02/10/2020

Staff # 12 Met

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 07/17/2017

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 03/28/2019

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 06/06/2019

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 07/23/2019

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 03/25/2019

Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 09/28/2020	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 11/22/2019	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 03/06/2020	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 11/25/2019	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 02/24/2000	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 07/18/2007	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 12/06/2018	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 03/12/2001	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 10/18/2017	Met
Staff # 27 Date of Hire: 07/17/2017	Met
Staff # 28	Met
Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 10/31/2017	Met
Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 07/24/2017	Met
Staff # 31 Date of Hire: 04/22/2019	Met
Staff # 32	Met
Staff # 33 Date of Hire: 09/22/2020	Met

Staff # 34 Date of Hire: 02/17/2020	Met
Staff # 35 Date of Hire: 01/22/2019	Met
Staff # 36 Date of Hire: 02/12/2020	Met
Staff # 37 Date of Hire: 07/23/2019	Met
Staff # 38 Date of Hire: 06/22/2020	Met
Staff # 39	Met
Staff # 40	Met
Staff # 41 Date of Hire: 07/24/2006	Met
Staff # 42 Date of Hire: 02/13/2020	Met
Staff # 43 Date of Hire: 02/10/2020	Met
Staff # 44	Met
Staff # 45 Date of Hire: 10/04/2017	Met
Staff # 46 Date of Hire: 02/13/2020	Met
Staff # 47 Date of Hire: 08/27/2019	Met
Staff # 48	Met
Staff # 49 Date of Hire: 08/27/2019	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 13

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Director supplied a completed staff profile for review. Staff criminal records check information was verified in Koala Outback. Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

591-1-1-.14(2)-A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2020

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records**Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.24(1)-A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will secure required information for all Personnel. The Center will ensure that complete information is in the personnel file for all Directors, Employees, Provisional Employees, Personnel, Staff, Students-in-Training, Volunteers, Clerical, Housekeeping, Maintenance and other Support Staff.

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2020

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

591-1-1-.33(3)-A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates.

Correction Deadline: 3/24/2020**Defer**

591-1-1-.33(5)-A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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: 4/9/2020

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. Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

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