



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/2/2020 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:00 PM **Departure:** 12:50 PM

CCLC-51288

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/02/2020	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing
11/04/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing
06/19/2019	Initial 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	1st Left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	1st Right	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2nd Left	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	16	C	23	C	Nap
Main	2nd Right	One Year Olds	1	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3rd Left	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3rd Right	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Middle	Four Year Olds	1	12	C	18	C	25	C	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 87						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 101				
Total # Children this Date: 66			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 87			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 101				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	31	C

Comments

9/2/2020: The purpose of today's virtual visit was to conduct an incident investigation and to follow-up on previous visit. The center is following the executive order checklist.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 10/21/2020

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

Melinda Williams, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/4/2019

Corrected on 9/2/2020

.12(2) - It was determined based on observation, that the blue and red vinyl couch in the 3rd Right Classroom was not observed in the classroom but replaced with new couches on this date.

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/3/2020

Corrected on 9/2/2020

.18(6) - It was determined based on observation, that the sink in the kitchen had two compartments, as required by the Department on this date.