



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/17/2020 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:30 AM

Departure: 4:30 PM

CCLC-51779

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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.
11/17/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/18/2020	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/17/2019	Initial Licensing Study	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-Main-2L	Four Year Olds	1	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	B-Main-3L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	C-Main-4L		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D-Main-4R		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E-Main-3R	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Homework
Main	F-Main-2R	Five Year Olds	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Homework
Main	G-Main-1R	Six Year Olds and Over	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	J-Upper Level-1L		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	K-Upper Level-1R		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 98						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 30			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 98			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	44	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on October 27, 2020. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on November 17, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

New core rule changes were discussed.
Continue to adhere to the Executive Order.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.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

VELVA WATKIN, 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 Virtual visit was conducted and the equipment and furniture was observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through there was no pool observed on the property. Per the center director no swimming activities were provided.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual visit was conducted and the licensed capacity was 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.

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through food storage was observed. Food was observed to be stored on shelving, separately from cleaning products.

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 the diapering was discussed and the provider displayed proper knowledge of the rules and regulations.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(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. Liquid soap and paper towels were observed accessible in the restroom area.

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

Center director stated that there is no medication being administered at this time.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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 center director on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the center director there was no routine transportation provided.

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 SIDS and infant sleeping position was discussed. Bedding that can be washed may be used. Each child's bedding must be kept separate and, to the extent practicable, should be stored in individually labeled bins, cubbies, or bags.

Staff Records

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 10/25/2019	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 08/05/2019	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 10/16/2019	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 08/29/2016	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 09/30/2019	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 09/13/2019	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 09/23/2019	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 08/10/2020	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 08/06/2019	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 09/27/2019	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 10/10/2019	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 09/13/2019	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 09/15/2020	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 10/10/2019	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 10/22/2019	Met

Records Reviewed: 19

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 11/02/2020	
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 09/13/2019	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 10/04/2019	
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 08/05/2019	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2

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

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 May 12, 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. During the virtual walk through appropriate ratios were observed.

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) - Consultant discussed with center director to ensure that children are supervised at all times, to prevent potential hazards from occurring.

Correction Deadline: 11/17/2020