



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/15/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:25 AM **Departure:** 9:25 AM

CCLC-51779

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
02/15/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
09/17/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/17/2020	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-Main-2L	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Music,Centers
Main	C-Main-3L		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D-Main 4R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers,Art
Main	E-Main-3R	Five Year Olds	1	12	C	25	C	NA	NA	Homework
Main	F-Main-2R	Six Year Olds and Over	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Homework
Main	G-Main-1R		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
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.: 115						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 43			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 115			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	44	C

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on February 15, 2022 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/15/2022

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.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.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.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.dec.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@dec.ga.gov

Rachel Garmon, 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. During the virtual walk through rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting was discussed with the Director.

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 the program was observed to be compliant with the Licensed capacity.

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 there were no hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2021

Corrected on 2/15/2022

.26(9) -A virtual visit was conducted this date. Previous cite observed corrected.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**N/A****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through it was discussed that there were no children enrolled who required diapering.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through staff stated proper knowledge of the the hand washing rules.

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. During the virtual walk through staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through it was discussed that the program did not care for infants.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 10**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
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Date of Hire: 09/13/2019

Staff # 2	Met
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Date of Hire: 09/23/2019

Staff # 3	Met
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Date of Hire: 08/10/2020

Staff # 4	Met
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Staff # 5	Met
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Date of Hire: 08/13/2021

Staff # 6	Met
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Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 10/22/2019

Staff # 7 Met

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 09/13/2019

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2021

Staff # 10 Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete and verified in Koala Outback.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)-Training was not evaluated on this visit. Training will be reviewed on the next licensing 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: 12/30/2022

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the Center was 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. During the virtual walk through adequate supervision was observed on this date.