



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/15/2021 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:20 AM **Departure:** 1:20 PM

CCLC-52898

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/15/2021	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing
08/07/2020	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	A -3yrs	Five Year Olds	2	9	C	32	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	B - 0-12mos	Infants	2	6	C	29	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C 3-4yrs	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	14	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	D Craft-A/school		0	0	C	38	C	NA	NA	
Main	E -3yrs	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F Pre-K		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G -1-2yrs	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	37	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 200						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Playground Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 54			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 200			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A Toddlers	14	C
Main	B - All ages	52	C

Comments

The Change of Ownership Initial visit was conducted on this date. A temporary license was issued. This center carries liability insurance. A phone conference was conducted on August 17, 2021. A follow-up visit will be conducted and upon receipt of final fire report the final license will be issued.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/15/2021

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

Jazmyn Allen, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.12 - Please ensure additional equipment and toys to enhance variety such as food accessories in room B, art materials in room G and musical instruments, dramatic play and science added in room E.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(5) - Please ensure age-appropriate chairs are available for children being served in room A. (3yrs - 12yrs)

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2021

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. Temporary license was issued, the final license will be issued upon passing final fire report.

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

Met

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - Please ensure the following hazards are removed and or repaired:

- Vegetation removed from the fencing surrounding the infant/toddler playground.
- Back fencing surrounding the Preschool/School age playground measuring at (3) three feet (9) nine inches will meet the required (4) four feet in height.

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2021**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please ensure the following hazards are removed from the equipment on the infant and toddler play ground.:

- Chipped paint removed from the rocky horse piece of equipment .

Preschool/School age playground:

- Rust on swing chains and hooks.
- Chipped paint on trike equipment and exposed rusty screws.
- Mildew on red/yellow play structure.

Correction Deadline: 8/6/2021**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resilience. It was determined based on observation the following hazards on the back playground for the Preschool and school age children:

- Swing structure and red/yellow/blue slide climbing structure measuring over five feet in height lacked resilient material beneath and in the fall zones of the structures.

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POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resilience.

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(7) - Please ensure all required supplies are available in the diapering rooms such as labeled disposable and non-disposable container with a liner.

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2021

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Met

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment 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

Center does not provide routine transportation at the time of visit. Transportation will resume for the upcoming school year.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Met

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date. Cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 05/06/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 03/19/2020	
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 07/01/2021	
Staff # 8	Met

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 06/23/2021

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 06/21/2021

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 11/09/2020

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 05/16/2019

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 06/17/2021

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 03/30/2018

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 02/15/2001

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/2021

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 04/18/2019

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 12/23/2016

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 12/02/2017

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 0

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.

Comment

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