



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/21/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:20 AM **Departure:** 1:40 PM

CCLC-970

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

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.
02/21/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/26/2019	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/14/2019	Monitoring Visit	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
Bldg 1	1st Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Music,Story
Bldg 1	1st Right	Infants	1	2	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Feeding
Bldg 1	2nd Left	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	14	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg 1	2nd Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play
Bldg 1	3rd Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg 1	3rd Right	One Year Olds	2	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg 1	4th Left(Back)		0	0	C	23	C	33	C	
Bldg 1	4th Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg 1	5th Right (back)	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	28	C	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 144					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 269					
Bldg 2	Bottom Level Left		0	0	C	47	C	65	C	
Bldg 2	Bottom Level Right		0	0	C	26	C	37	C	
Bldg 2	Left side 1st Right	PreK	3	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg 2	Left side 2nd Right	PreK	2	20	C	21	C	30	C	Transitioning,Ce nters
Bldg 2	Right side back		0	0	C	2	C	NA	NA	
Bldg 2	Right side Front Room		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 125	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 269
Total # Children this Date: 133	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 269

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg 1	Back 3-12 yrs	75	C
Bldg 1	Left Front 2yr	36	C
Bldg 1	Right Back 1yr	13	C
Bldg 1	Right Front Infants	15	C

Comments


The purpose of today's visit is to complete a monitoring visit.

Transportation and medication records were reviewed on this date. The center does not provide swimming activities.

All criminal record checks were observed complete. The director provided nine files for employees hired since the last visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/21/2020

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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.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

Kim Shipes, 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 variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - The consultant spoke with the director about repairing the hole in the bathroom of the 1st left classroom that had chipping plaster posing a potential hazard. The director stated that she has a patch to place over the hole and would work on repairing it.

Correction Deadline: 2/21/2020

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

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 - The consultant spoke with the director about monitoring crib mattresses for rips and tears. One mattress was observed to have several rips and the director was able to remove the mattress and and replace it with a new one during the visit.

Correction Deadline: 2/21/2020

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 29

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Date of Hire: 02/07/2020

Staff # 2 Met

Staff # 3 Met

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 01/28/2020

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 01/28/2020

Staff # 6 Met

Staff # 7 Met

Staff # 8 Met

Staff # 9 Met

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 09/26/2019

Staff # 11 Met

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 05/20/2019

Staff # 13 Met

Staff # 14 Met

Staff # 15 Met

Staff # 16 Met

Staff # 17 Met

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 07/27/2017

Staff # 19 Met

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 08/05/2019

Staff # 21 Met

Staff # 22 Met

Staff # 23 Met

Staff # 24 Met

Staff # 25 Met

Staff # 26 Met

Staff # 27 Met

Records Reviewed: 29

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 07/01/2019

Staff # 28

Met

Staff # 29

Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 20

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided nine files for employees hired since the last visit.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(2) - The consultant spoke with the director about ensuring that new staff members complete a hands-on CPR and First Aid course. The staff members completed an online CPR and First Aid course and did not complete a hands-on portion. The director stated that she would ensure that the staff obtain a hands-on course for CPR and First Aid.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2020

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.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

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