



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Cover Sheet

Date: 4/7/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 12:00 PM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-39691

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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.
04/07/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/09/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/14/2020	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
Main	Room A - 1R	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	18	C	26	C	Free Play
Main	Room B - Middle R		0	0	C	5	C	7	C	
Main	Room C - Rear L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	9	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room D - 1L		0	0	C	5	C	7	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 37						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 49				
Total # Children this Date: 22			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 37			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 49				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	65	C

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on April 7, 2021, with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to Covid-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on February 15, 2021, was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

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.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



Important New Deadlines:

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the deadline to become Quality Rated for programs who want to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS), has been extended to at least December 31, 2021.

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

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)

Michele Hutchinson, Program Official

Date

Penny Svenson, Consultant

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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. A virtual visit was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 1

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1

Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

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) **Met**

Comment

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

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

Comment

Playground not observed on this date due to lack of bandwidth support.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director the new revision to restricted food rule which states: Foods that are associated with young children’s choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish and bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2021

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures. This rule will be evaluated during the following regulatory visit conducted in 2021.

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection were observed during the virtual visit that was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 5****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 02/03/2017	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 02/12/2018	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/06/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 07/26/2019	

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. The Consultant discussed with the Director that their Criminal Records Check was due to expire in September of 2021.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Correction Deadline: 12/9/2020****Corrected on 4/7/2021****The correction was observed on this date. Three of four staff members had current first aid and CPR.**

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure that volunteers were not be solely responsible for children other than their own and must be under continuous direct supervision of a Director or Employee with a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination while in the presence of children other than their own.

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2021

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios. A virtual visit was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date. A virtual visit was conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic.