



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

Date: 2/24/2022 **VisitType:** Follow-Up

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 12:30 PM

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
02/24/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
02/24/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
01/13/2022	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- Infants-1st Right	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	11	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	B- 2's 2nd Right	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	C- PreK 3rd Right		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	D- PreK 4th Right		0	0	C	26	C	NA	NA	
Main	E- School age-5th Right		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F- Toddlers- 2nd Left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Snack, Floor Play
Main	G- 3's 3rd Left	One Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	H- 3's 4th Left		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I- PreK 5th Left	Six Year Olds and Over	1	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 163						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 47			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 163			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground C (back right)	99	C
Main	Playground D (right front)	47	C
Main	Plgd A - Infants left side of Bldg	20	C
Main	Plgd B- Toddler	46	C
Main	Plgd E- School age	86	C

Comments



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.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



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.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

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)

Stephanie Snyder, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/27/2022

Corrected on 2/24/2022

Correction of citation in that the five children's records reviewed had been corrected and obtained the required information.

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2022

Corrected on 2/24/2022

Correction of citation in that there was at least six inches of mulch throughout all playground fall zone areas on this date.

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2022

Corrected on 2/24/2022

Correction of citation in that all 22 children being transported had written transportation agreements with parental authorization for routine school transportation as required.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2022

Corrected on 2/24/2022

Correction of citation in that transportation checklist demonstrated that the driver or other designated person immediately documented in writing with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the transportation checklist each time a child entered and exited the vehicle during routine transportation to and from Hampton Elementary School from February 7, 2022 through February 18, 2022.