



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

Date: 1/26/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 11:55 AM

CCLC-17560

Bright Beginnings Children's Center

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Quality Rated: No

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.
01/26/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/24/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/22/2021	Licensing Study	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		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room B		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room C	One Year Olds	2	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room D		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room E	Two Year Olds	1	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Room F	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room G		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room H	Four Year Olds	1	1	C	29	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Room I	Three Year Olds	2	5	C	25	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Room J		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 192

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 21

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 192

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Downstairs & Water Play Area	34	C
Main	Playground A	11	C
Main	Playground B	13	C


Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and to follow up to the previous visit conducted on September 24, 2021.

Consultant observed 23 Staff determination letters on this date including the Security and Janitorial Staff on this date.



Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/26/2022

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.decgal.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.decgal.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@decgal.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@decgal.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://decgal.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)

Monique Walker, Program Official

Date

Shannon Curtis, 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.

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.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the Director please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children on this date.

Comment

Consultant discussed with the Director to please be mindful to keep closet doors inside classrooms locked and inaccessible to children in care on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

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Playground was not observed on this date due to under construction at this time. The Director stated that the playground is not in use at this time. Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure playground is kept clean, free from litter and free of all hazards on this date before the children in care access the outside playground on this date.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on Consultants observations that the yellow diaper changing pad in classroom E was torn on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 1/26/2022

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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: 26****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met
Date of Hire: 02/12/2020

Staff # 2 Met
Date of Hire: 06/09/2014

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 09/24/2014

Staff # 4 Met

Staff # 5 Met

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 10/29/2007

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 03/01/2021

Staff # 8 Met

Staff # 9 Met

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2019

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 06/30/2019

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 06/02/2006

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 05/07/2001

Staff # 14 Met

Staff # 15 Met

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 12/04/2007

Staff # 17 Met

Staff # 18 Met

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 06/12/2018

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 10/01/2004

Staff # 21 Met

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 09/21/2015

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 01/02/1995

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 08/13/2001

Staff # 25 Met

Staff # 26 Met

Date of Hire: 02/12/2007

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete for twenty-three Staff members on this date.

Comment

Director provided one file for employees hired since last visit on September 24, 2021 on this date. The Staff member has not officially started at this time and not present at the facility. Consultant discussed the staff member can be added during next regulatory visit.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Comment

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.