



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

Date: 1/27/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 12:00 PM **Departure:** 3:10 PM

CCLC-2683

Gingerbread House Child Care Center

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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.
01/27/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/15/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/17/2020	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
Kidz Biz	G-Kidz Biz	PreK	2	20	C	63	C	88	C	Circle Time
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 63			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 218				
Main	A-First Left Front	One Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B-First Left Back	Infants	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play, Feeding
Main	C-First Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	26	C	37	C	Transitioning
Main	D-Rear Annex	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	18	C	47	C	66	C	Nap
Main	E-2nd Left	Two Year Olds	2	20	C	26	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F-2nd Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	24	C	30	C	42	C	Nap
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 155			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 218				
Total # Children this Date: 110			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 218			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 218				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on January 27, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on January 27, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 1, 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.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)

Yvonne Cochran, Program Official

Date

Colleen Covey, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on January 27, 2021.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Met**

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

A virtual walk through of the center was conducted on January 27, 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No hazards were observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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

Comment

A virtual walk through of the playground was conducted on January 27, 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The playground was observed to be clean and in good repair. The consultant discussed monitoring and maintaining the resilient surface.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition **Met**

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations **Met**

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Defer

591-1-1-.17(7)-A virtual visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rule was unable to be evaluated and will be reviewed during the next in person regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance. The Director turned the water back on in that classroom, while the consultant was present.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2020

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

Discussed reporting requirements.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

TA-A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Discipline was not directly observed during the virtual walk through. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the Director on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date. Vehicle inspections were completed on January 4, 2021 for the following vehicles:

#1-2002 Chevy Bus, Tag # LW 1157

#2-2002 Chevy Bus, Tag # LW 1158

#3-2002 Chevy Bus, Tag # LW 1156

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 2/17/2020****Corrected on 1/27/2021****.30(1)(b)1 - The center purchased new mats.****Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 19****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 08/27/2019

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 08/02/2019

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 01/01/1985

Staff # 4

Met

Date of Hire: 09/11/2018

Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 07/14/2020	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 07/06/2018	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 01/03/2019	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 12/01/2020	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 12/13/2016	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 08/14/2000	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 11/15/2019	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 11/18/2013	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 11/26/2019	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 11/08/2020	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 10/14/2019	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 04/28/2018	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 08/26/2013	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 11/14/2019	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 09/24/2008	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete for all staff observed during the virtual visit or listed on the staff list provided by the Director.

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

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training for the 2020 year.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) **Met**

Comment

Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date. The program was in compliance with the Executive Order issued on September 30, 2020.

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.