



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

Date: 12/2/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 12:30 PM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-16542

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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.
12/02/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/01/2021	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
05/21/2021	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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	A-First Left	GA PreK	2	21	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	B-Second Lft	Two Year Olds	20	14	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-First Right	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D-Back Middle	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E-Right 1st Left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	F-BR Prek2	GA PreK	2	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	G- Prek3	GA PreK	2	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 106

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128


Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	2's	93	C
Main	Infant Playground	7	C
Main	Middle Playground	97	C
Main	School Age	109	C
Main	Toddlers Playground	11	C

Comments



An Administrative Review was conducted on December 2, 2021. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on December 2, 2021 with the director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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)

Penny Holt, Program Official

Date

Beth Holland, Consultant

Date



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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

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)

Met

Comment

A virtual visit was conducted due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The provider will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children.

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

Met

Comment

Please ensure to monitor the playground areas for the following hazards:

- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and toys
- Potential entrapment hazards in the fence surrounding the playground area.
- Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e. ants, bees, etc.).
- Loose and/or weak tree branches surrounding the playground area.
- Standing water in and around playground equipment after inclement weather.

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

Staff stated proper hand washing procedures on this date.

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

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Comment

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

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-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Tag # ADG4898 March 30, 2020

Tag # PW08650 March 3, 2020

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 23

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 07/29/2021

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 09/16/2020

Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 01/04/2016	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 11/10/2020	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 03/14/2006	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 10/18/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 01/19/2016	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 01/06/2006	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 05/21/2020	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 01/06/2006	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 12/10/2017	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 01/04/2021	
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 09/01/2006	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 02/03/2015	
Staff # 19	Met

Records Reviewed: 23

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 09/07/2018

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 08/23/2019

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 09/06/2006

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 12/19/2019

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 10/02/2017

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 8

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

Comment

Director provided six files for employees hired since last visit on April 1, 2021. All employees had evidence of satisfactory background check letters.

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

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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.