



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

Date: 10/14/2021 **VisitType:** Follow-Up

Arrival: 9:00 AM

Departure: 11:30 AM

CCLC-53086

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Quality Rated:

Compliance Zone Designation		
10/14/2021	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing
08/02/2021	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
07/27/2021	Complaint Closure	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- Left Side 1L	Infants and One Year Olds	2	11	C	21	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Art
Main	B- Left side 2R	One Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	C- Left side 1R	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D- Back center	Six Year Olds and Over	1	2	C	22	C	NA	NA	Homework
Main	E- Right Side 2R	GA PreK	2	16	C	37	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	F- Right side 1R	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	29	C	NA	NA	Outside

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 144

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 70

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 144

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back side of Bldg	64	C
Main	Left side of Bldg	23	C
Main	Right side of Bldg	114	C

Comments

The investigation remains open on this date, pending additional information. Upon completion the finding will be reviewed with the provider and a final copy of the report will be sent.

October 14, 2021- The purpose of this investigation was to conduct an incident investigation. The visit was conducted virtually. Consultant also followed up with the previous visit on July 15, 2021.

The follow up report was discussed with the center and a copy was emailed to the center.

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)

Rosa Linda Bradley, Program Official

Date

Chilon Martin, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2021

Corrected on 10/14/2021

Consultant observed the previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed lessons plans posted in all six classrooms.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2021

Corrected on 10/14/2021

Consultant observed this citation corrected on this date. All classrooms were within the required license capacity.

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

Defer

Defer

This citation was deferred until the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2021

Defer

This citation was deferred until the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The harmful item will be removed. Consultant discussed trimming them back to make them inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2021

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

This citation was deferred until the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency. Consultant discussed ensuring that Center will not use the swings until/unless resilient surface material is added. Specific requirements for swings were discussed with the Director and a handout was provided for fall zones. Discussed that fall (use) zone for regular swings is determined by measuring length of the swing chain and adding seven feet. Fall zones must extend in front and in back of the stationary swing. The fall zones in the front and in the back needs to have at least six (6) inches of depth.

Correction Deadline: 9/1/2021**Defer**

This citation was deferred until the next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 7/15/2021

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 7/15/2021****Corrected on 10/14/2021**

Consultant observed the previous citation corrected on this date. The center has not provided medication to any children for the last three months.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 7/30/2021****Corrected on 10/14/2021**

Consultant observed this citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed the academic requirements for all lead teachers.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 7/15/2021****Corrected on 10/14/2021**

Consultant observed all classrooms within the required staff: child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 8/2/2021****Corrected on 10/14/2021**

Consultant observed all staff members conducting active supervision during the virtual visit.