



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

Date: 6/16/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:00 PM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-50415

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Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
06/16/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/06/2020	Licensing Study	Good Standing
12/04/2019	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 Building	A-1st Right	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,TV
Main Building	B-2nd Right	One Year Olds	1	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main Building	C-3rd Right	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main Building	D-1st Left	Six Year Olds and Over	1	9	C	7	NC	NA	NA	Free Play
Main Building	E-Far Left	Four Year Olds	1	7	C	7	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main Building	G-2nd Suite #101	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 71

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 40

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 71

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

Comments

Background checks were all reviewed on June 16, 2021. A virtual inspection was conducted on June 16, 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 12, 2021 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/16/2021

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)

Cathy Lampton, Program Official

Date

Ashley Shirah, Consultant

Date



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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-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.03(14) - Consultant discussed with the director using speakers to play music instead of using the televisions. Television usage should be limited to 30 minutes per day or less.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2021

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(6) - Consultant discussed with the director the importance of tummy time and limiting the use and number of confining equipment in the classroom. Consultant discussed providing training to staff regarding developmental milestones as well as language and literacy to support staff:child interactions in the infant room.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2021

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on consultant observation that in classroom D nine children were observed in a classroom licensed for seven children on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2021

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

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Food Service

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

Correction Deadline: 11/6/2020

Corrected on 6/16/2021

.15(3) - Correction of previous citation in that formula was observed prepared by parents and labeled with the individual child's name.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Provider on this date. Liquid soap and paper towels were observed accessible in the restroom area.

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

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection discussed 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**

Correction Deadline: 11/6/2020

Corrected on 6/16/2021

.30(2)(c) - Correction of previous citation in that no pack n play's were observed on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 1	Met
Staff # 2	Met
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 03/05/2019	
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 03/25/2019	
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Not Met
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.09-Criminal Records Check Missing	
Staff # 12	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 1

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

Not Met

Comment

Director provided six file(s) for employees hired since last visit November 6, 2021.

Correction Deadline: 11/6/2020

Corrected on 6/16/2021

.09(1)(a) - Correction of previous citation in that staff #1 was observed to have a complete and satisfactory criminal background check on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1.)(b) requires the Center to ensure that every Director has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Director has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on observations that a 15 year old volunteer was caring for children alone without a satisfactory criminal record check on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will review records to ensure that the Director has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Director has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will watch CBC videos to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2021

Correction Deadline: 11/6/2020

Corrected on 6/16/2021

.09(1)(c) - Correction of previous citation in that staff #1 was observed to have a complete and satisfactory criminal background check on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.31(3)(b)1. requires that caregivers/aides in a Center with a licensed capacity of 19 or more children be at least 16 years of age. It was determined based on observations that a 15 year was observed to be caring for children alone during nap time.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

This individual will no longer assist with care of children.

Correction Deadline: 6/16/2021

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

Proper supervision of children was discussed with the director on this date.