



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

Date: 5/27/2021 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 11:05 AM

CCLC-46662

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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.
05/27/2021	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
04/28/2021	Incident Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
02/08/2021	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	LW-1L - Private Pre-K	Five Year Olds	2	23	C	21	NC	30	C	Centers
Main	LW-1R - Pre-K 1	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	LW-2L - Early 4	Four Year Olds	1	17	C	23	C	32	C	Centers
Main	LW-2R - Pre-K 2		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	LW-3L-Afterschool	Six Year Olds and Over	1	13	C	17	C	23	C	Outside
Main	LW-3R - Pre-K 3		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	RW - 2L - Infant 2	Infants and One Year Olds	2	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap,Feeding
Main	RW - 3L - Private-Pre-K 4	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	RW-1L - Infant 1	Infants	2	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	RW-1R - Toddler 1	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Music
Main	RW-2R-Toddler 2	Two Year Olds	2	19	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	RW-3R-Toddler 2-1/2	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	RW-4L - Preschool 3	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	27	C	NA	NA	Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 271						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 295				
Total # Children this Date: 152			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 271			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 295				


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant Playground	6	C
Main	Preschool-School-Age Playground	251	C
Main	Right Back - Two-Year-Old	42	C
Main	Right Front - One-Year-Old	19	C

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on May 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.al.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://dec.al.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)

Angela Sims, Program Official

Date

Melyn Smith, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2021

Corrected on 5/27/2021

.03(12) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation and staff statement, in that each classroom had an area set aside with quiet activities for children who did not sleep during nap or rest periods. The Director stated that staff were instructed to provide quiet activities children who do not sleep.

Safety

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2021

Corrected on 5/27/2021

.11(2) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation and staff statement, in that staff were observed to use redirection for all children during the virtual walk through on this date. The Director stated that staff have been retrained in appropriate discipline and have been instructed to use time-out sparingly for children over three-years-old.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2021

Corrected on 5/27/2021

.36(7)(d)2. - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that a second physical check of the vehicles used for routine transportation was documented at the end of each route on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 33

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2020

Staff # 2 Met

Date of Hire: 12/03/2018

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 01/25/2021

Staff # 4 Met

Date of Hire: 05/12/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 10/21/2002

Staff # 6 Met

Date of Hire: 05/18/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 7 Met

Date of Hire: 08/13/2012

Staff # 8 Met

Date of Hire: 12/03/2009

Staff # 9 Met

Date of Hire: 04/21/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 10 Met

Date of Hire: 01/18/2006

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 03/21/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 03/21/2021

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2003

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 01/28/2019

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2019

Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 10/26/2020	
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 10/23/2006	
Staff # 18	Met
Date of Hire: 04/10/2018	
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 03/04/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 20	Met
Date of Hire: 05/21/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 04/26/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 11/04/2019	
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 01/28/2021	
Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 05/24/2021	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 25	Met
Date of Hire: 01/29/2019	
Staff # 26	Met
Date of Hire: 08/06/2013	
Staff # 27	Met
Date of Hire: 03/28/2018	
Staff # 28	Met
Date of Hire: 10/23/1995	
Staff # 29	Met
Date of Hire: 01/14/2000	
Staff # 30	Met

Records Reviewed: 33**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 09/09/2020

Staff # 31

Met

Date of Hire: 04/02/2019

Staff # 32

Met

Date of Hire: 01/28/2020

Staff # 33

Met

Date of Hire: 02/03/2004

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 18**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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 May 1, 2021.