



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

**Date:** 12/6/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 9:00 AM

**Departure:** 10:05 AM

**CCLC-32848**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - 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.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
12/06/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/21/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/18/2020	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
Main	A-1st RT	Infants	2	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Free Play, Floor Play
Main	B-2nd RT		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	C-3rd RT	Two Year Olds	2	4	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D-Middle Back	One Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Free Play
Main	E-2nd Left		0	0	C	14	C	20	C	
Main	F-1st Left	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	22	C	30	C	Circle Time, Centers
Main	G-Far Left	GA PreK	2	22	C	23	C	32	C	Centers
Main	H-Back Right	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 126

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 149

Total # Children this Date: 68

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Older/Back Playground	57	C
Main	Younger/Front Playground	18	C

**Comments**

Background checks were all reviewed on December 3, 2021. A virtual inspection was conducted on December 6, 2021 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic



Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/06/2021

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 1/2 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)

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Sherry Nelson, Program Official

Date

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Neli Todorova, 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

**Comment**

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

**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**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical**

**Technical Assistance**

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591-1-1-.25(21) - Discussed with the director that all floor level windows or full-length glass doors be constructed of safety glass with decals applied at the eye level of the children or such windows or doors shall have protective devices covering the glass designed to prevent the children from getting cut by the glass should it break for any reason.

**Correction Deadline: 12/16/2021**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

591-1-1-.26 – 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.

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(8) - Consultant was unable to measure the fall zones/resilient surface due to the visit being virtual. Consultant provided a copy of a handout from the agency web site and a copy of the Public Playground Safety Handbook. Consultant discussed with the provider to make sure that the fall zones and the depth of the resilient surface are as required by agency policy:

Swings:

\* 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.

\* Additionally, use zone should extend out six (6) feet from sides of swing frame/bay.

Slides:

- A Minimum of four (4) feet perimeter fall (use) zone around entrance/ladder end of slide.
- A minimum of five (5) feet perimeter fall (use) zone around the exit and out from sides of slide at exit region.

Resilient Surface:

\* Three (3) inches of loose fill surfacing for equipment that measures between three and five feet high .

\* Six (6) inches of loose fill surfacing for swings and equipment over five feet high

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<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The director reported no medication since the last visit and on this date. Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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<b>Safety</b>
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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for Ford-350, a nine seat passenger van with tag number RYQ3935 used in transporting children this date.

**Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

**Comment**

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

**Comment**

The vehicle was checked for compliance. Proper restraints were observed and discussed with the director.

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**
**Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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**Records Reviewed: 21****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 10/19/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 11/10/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2021	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 10/28/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 11/16/2021	<u>Reminder - Health &amp; Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 02/23/2021	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 09/20/2014	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 05/30/2014	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 01/18/2021	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 10/22/2014	

Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 07/22/2021	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 06/18/2019	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 10/12/2011	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 07/27/2015	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 09/10/2009	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 12/02/2019	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 05/10/2021	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 12/04/2019	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 05/10/2021	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 10/14/2014	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 08/02/2021	Met

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**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 14**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete for 21 staff.

**Comment**

Director provided nine files for employees hired since last visit.

**Comment**

Please ensure that applicants/staff are listing exact dates (including month/day/year) on 10 year work history form in order to determine any breaks in service from the child care industry.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

## Staffing and Supervision

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### 591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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### 591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.