



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

Date: 7/21/2021 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 3:30 PM **Departure:** 4:30 PM

CCLC-36048

Ms. Niecy's Home Away From Home Learning Center

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
07/21/2021	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
06/15/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing
02/09/2021	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
Bldg II	A 1L	Six Year Olds and Over	1	17	C	17	C	23	C	Transitioning
Bldg II	B 1R		0	0	C	15	C	21	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 32			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 109							
Building III	Computer		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building III	Main		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 19			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 109			Building @35 capacity limited by Zoning				
Main	A-Front Rm.	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B- PreK Left Room	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers,Nap
Main	C- Right Room	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	21	C	7	NC	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D- 3		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 109							
Main-Downstairs	Rm. E- 1's-2's	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 12			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 109							
Total # Children this Date: 66			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 109				


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	178	C

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on July 22, 2021 with the Owner. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic



Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/21/2021

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)

Jeanne Beals, Program Official

Date

Lajuana Williams, 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 Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through it discussed that toys and equipment could be cleaned at their regular intervals as there were currently no restrictions. This included daily cleaning for toys used by children under three years of age.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the Licensed capacity was observed to be 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. During the virtual walk through there were no hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the playground was observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10 - Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the Owner on this date and staff stated proper knowledge of the rules.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.11 - 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 Owner on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not currently provide routine transportation. Per the Owner transportation would commence once the public schools started the new school year.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through compliant cribs, SIDS and infant sleep position were discussed with the Owner on this date.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 16****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 09/18/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 05/10/2021	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 06/03/2013	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 09/21/2020	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 10/07/2019	

Records Reviewed: 16

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 06/01/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 07/14/2021	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 07/01/2013	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 07/01/2013	
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 10/02/2013	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 08/08/2016	
Staff # 13	Met
Date of Hire: 06/22/2021	
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 04/27/2020	
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 05/26/2021	
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 11/06/2019	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 6

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were reviewed in Koala Outback and were observed to be complete.

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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through the center was observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through adequate supervision was observed on this date.