



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

**Date:** 6/15/2021 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:05 AM

**Departure:** 10:05 AM

**CCLC-46519**

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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.
06/15/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/15/2020	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/15/2020	Complaint Closure	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 - 104	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	B - 106	One Year Olds	2	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Circle Time
Main	C - 108	Three Year Olds	2	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	D - 110	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	4	C	25	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	E - 120	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	F - 119	Two Year Olds	2	5	C	35	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G - 117	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	H - 115	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	7	C	28	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	I - 228		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	J - 226		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	K - 222	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	10	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	L - 220	Four Year Olds	1	4	C	31	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	M - 216	Five Year Olds	2	5	C	38	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Ce nters
Main	N - 213	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	10	C	34	C	NA	NA	Centers

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 350

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 79

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 350

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Up left	17	C
Main	B - Up back	70	C
Main	C - Downstairs Rt	22	C
Main	D - Down Splash Pad	19	C
Main	E - Nature Walk	9	C
Main	F - Down Garden	15	C
Main	G - Downstairs Back	31	C

**Comments**

An Administrative Review was conducted on June 15, 2021. Staff files, children’s files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. 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 28, 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](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.

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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](mailto: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.

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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)

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Loni Smith, Program Official

Date

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Lajuana Williams, Consultant

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

### 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 equipment and furniture appeared to be properly secured, as applicable.

**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 program was observed to be compliant with the licensed capacity.

**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**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair. Discussed ensuring rubber mats located underneath the tire swing are flush to the ground in order to avoid a tripping hazard.

### Food Service

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

Met

**Comment**

During an administrative review the menu was observed. The center's menu met the USDA guidelines.

**Health and Hygiene**

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

Technical Assistance

**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through diapering was directly observed. Diapering and hand washing requirements were discussed with the Director this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center. Please ensure younger children are supervised during handwashing to ensure all steps are followed.

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

N/A

**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

**Policies and Procedures**

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/15/2020

Corrected on 6/15/2021

.21(3) - Previous cite corrected.

**Safety**

591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

**Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

N/A

**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

N/A

**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

**Comment**

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through a pleasant nap time environment observed and SiDS sleep position discussed this date.

**Staff Records****Records Reviewed: 42****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 09/11/2006	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 06/06/2019	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 01/22/2019	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 08/20/2010	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 03/12/2020	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 02/10/2020	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 07/17/2017	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 03/28/2019	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 03/25/2019	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 09/28/2020	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 03/22/2021	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 11/25/2019	Met
Staff # 14	Met

Date of Hire: 02/24/2000

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 07/18/2007

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 12/06/2018

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2019

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 04/26/2021

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 10/18/2017

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 07/17/2017

Staff # 21 Met

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 10/31/2017

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 11/02/2020

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 04/22/2019

Staff # 25 Met

Staff # 26 Met

Date of Hire: 09/22/2020

Staff # 27 Met

Date of Hire: 02/17/2020

Staff # 28 Met

Date of Hire: 01/22/2019

Staff # 29 Met

Date of Hire: 02/12/2020

Staff # 30 Met

**Records Reviewed: 42**

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

Date of Hire: 07/23/2019

Staff # 31 Met

Date of Hire: 06/22/2020

Staff # 32 Met

Staff # 33 Met

Staff # 34 Met

Date of Hire: 07/24/2006

Staff # 35 Met

Date of Hire: 02/13/2020

Staff # 36 Met

Date of Hire: 02/10/2020

Staff # 37 Met

Staff # 38 Met

Date of Hire: 10/04/2017

Staff # 39 Met

Date of Hire: 02/13/2020

Staff # 40 Met

Date of Hire: 08/27/2019

Staff # 41 Met

Staff # 42 Met

Date of Hire: 08/27/2019

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 14**

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

**Comment**

During the administrative review Criminal record checks were observed to be complete and verified electronically in Koala Outback.

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**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Met**

**Correction Deadline: 4/9/2020**

**Corrected on 6/15/2021**

**.14(2) - Previous cite corrected. During the administrative review 100% of staff were observed to have evidence of CPR and First Aid training.**

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**591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/15/2020**

**Corrected on 6/15/2021**

**.24(1) - Previous cite corrected. During the administrative review all staff were observed to have a completed staff orientation.**

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**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 3/24/2020**

**Corrected on 6/15/2021**

**.33(3) - Previous cite observed corrected. During an administrative review all staff including non-direct care staff were observed to have the training on file. The center will continue to ensure staff obtain the training within 90 days of hire and was advised that training could only count towards the annual training every five years.**

**Correction Deadline: 4/9/2020**

**Corrected on 6/15/2021**

**.33(5) - Previous cite observed corrected. During an administrative review training was observed. The center will ensure annual training is obtained between January and December each year and ensure training is state approved and has appropriate trainer and training codes on the certificates.**

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**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 28, 2021.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**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.

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**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.