



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/8/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:50 AM **Departure:** 11:10 AM

CCLC-32171

Children's Palace Early Learning Center Calhoun

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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. |
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| 10/08/2019 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
| 01/11/2019 | Licensing Study | Good Standing | |
| 07/19/2018 | Monitoring Visit | 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 Left | Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over | 1 | 17 | C | 17 | C | NA | NA | Free Play | |
| Main | B-2nd Left | Two Year Olds | 2 | 7 | C | 21 | C | NA | NA | Free Play | |
| Main | C-3rd Left | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2 | 20 | C | 33 | C | NA | NA | Breakfast,Story | |
| Main | D-1st Right | Infants | 1 | 5 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | Floor Play,Diapering | |
| Main | E-2nd Right | One Year Olds | 1 | 6 | C | 15 | C | NA | NA | Free Play | |
| Main | F-3rd Right | | 0 | 0 | C | 15 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use | |
| Main | G-Back Room | Infants and One Year Olds | 2 | 12 | C | 22 | C | NA | NA | Story | |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: | | | | | 141 | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: | | | | | 0 |
| Total # Children this Date: 67 | | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: | | | 141 | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: | | | | 0 |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
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| Main | Left Playground | 76 | C |
| Main | Right Playground | 23 | C |

Comments

Consultant discussed criminal record check rules.
 Consultant discussed Lead Teacher credentials.

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.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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

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@decal.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://decal.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)



Important New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov

Angela Nelson, Program Official

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

Equipment and furniture observed 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

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Ensure all closet doors are kept secure to avoid children gaining access.

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2019

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Monitor playground for ant beds.

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of handwashing procedures.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Finding

591-1-1-.20(4) requires the Center to keep medication in a cabinet or container that is locked or otherwise not accessible to the children and to be stored separate from cleaning chemicals, supplies or poisons. Medications requiring refrigeration shall be placed in a leak-proof container in a refrigerator that is not accessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that a child's book bag in classroom B was accessible to children and contained Children's liquid Tylenol, children's liquid allergy medication, and two bottles of children's liquid cough medication that all stated Keep Out of Reach of Children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on the safe and proper storage of medication and monitor to ensure that the rule is met.

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2019

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| Safety |
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591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Redirection stated to be used throughout the center.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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| Staff Records |
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591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) - Ensure all Therapists are ported electronically.

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2019

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

Met

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| 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.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.