



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/18/2020 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:20 AM **Departure:** 11:30 AM

CCLC-2310

Tallatoona Early Childhood Developmental Center

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
09/18/2020	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
11/14/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
06/24/2019	Monitoring Visit	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
Main	Room A (Rear Rm)		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room B (Middle Rm)		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room C (Resource Rm)		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 52						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 52			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on September 18, 2020 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Compliance with the Executive Order issued on May 12, 2020 was reviewed during the virtual inspection.

Consultant discussed proposed rule revisions with the Director on this date.

A new building was observed to be in use with classroom A having a ratio of 2:4 three-year-olds and classroom C having a ratio of 2:8 four and five-year-olds. Classroom B was observed Not In Use.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/18/2020

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

Sharnette Glenn, 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

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed and observed during a virtual walk through on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the virtual walk through there was no pool observed on the property. Per the provider no swimming activities were provided.

Facility

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.19(1) - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ensure that an amendment application is submitted before using new licensed space.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2020

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 storage of cleaning supplies and possible hazards were discussed. There were no hazards observed to be accessible to the children 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 area was observed and appeared to be in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

N/A

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No children are enrolled that require diapering. The program does not care for diapered children.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hand washing and sanitizing requirements were discussed with the Director on this date. Liquid soap and paper towels were observed accessible in the restroom area

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

N/A

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the provider medication was not dispensed.

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.16(e) requires the Center to submit an application for an amended License at least 30 days in advance of the change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department. It was determined based on observation and staff statement that the center began using a new unlicensed building without submitting an application for an amended license 30 days in advance of the change. The new building had a the following staff:child ratios: classroom A 2:4 three-year-olds, classroom C 2:8 four and five-year-olds, and classroom B was not in use.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

An application for amendment and all necessary documentation will be submitted.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2020

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 Director on this date. Redirection and discussion were stated to be used throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the provider there was no routine transportation provided.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30 - A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The center does not care for infants. The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 11**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 07/22/2019	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 08/17/2020	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 07/19/2018	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 09/06/2019	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 07/21/2016	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/17/2020	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 07/27/2016	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 08/28/2018	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 07/19/2018	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 04/08/2019	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 10/17/2018	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 5

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

Comment

A Virtual Visit was conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Criminal background checks were observed to be complete. Director provided three files for employees hired since last visit.

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 12, 2020.

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 appropriate ratio was observed.

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.