



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/22/2021 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:30 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-25142

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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.
07/22/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/22/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
03/23/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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	A- PreK 4B	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	10	C	30	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B PreK 4A	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	30	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C- PreK 3B	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D PreK 3A	Three Year Olds	1	5	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E School Age		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F- Sr. Toddlers	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	G- Jr. Toddlers		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	H- Infants B	Infants	2	5	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	I- Infant A	Infants	1	2	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 62			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	7	C
Main	B	70	C
Main	C	54	C
Main	D	20	C
Main	E	59	C

Comments

Background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on July 22, 2021, with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

Review amendment changes in KOALA.

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

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)



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

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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)

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

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of hand washing procedure.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Organization

591-1-1-.37 Inspections & Investigations **Met**

Correction Deadline: 4/22/2021

Corrected on 7/22/2021

.37(d) - Consultant observed center staff properly report the correct number of children present in each classroom. Director allowed classroom teachers to report the number of children present.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

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

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

Defer

591-1-1-.36(6)- Consultant will evaluate this rule during the next regulatory visit. Director reported that the program does not currently offer transportation services.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the required written parental authorization.

Correction Deadline: 2/14/2020

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

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: 17

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 06/20/2019

Records Reviewed: 17**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 11/12/2012	
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 09/24/2012	
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 07/19/2019	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 03/21/2019	
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 10/09/2018	
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 08/03/2018	
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 02/15/2021	
Staff # 15	Met
Staff # 16	Met
Date of Hire: 09/12/2019	
Staff # 17	Met
Date of Hire: 08/30/2019	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4

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

Consultant observed 17 of 17 center staff to have valid Satisfactory Comprehensive Criminal Records Check Determination letters issued by the Department.

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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.