



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/20/2023 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 11:30 AM **Departure:** 2:15 PM

CCLC-35299

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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.
06/20/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
04/13/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
03/28/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	1L	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
Main	1R	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Main	2L	Infants and One Year Olds	3	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap, Feeding
Main	2R	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3L	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	3R	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Nap, Transitioning
Main	4L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	5L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	6L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 177						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Total # Children this Date: 112

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 177

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - Infant/Toddler	25	C
Main	Playground B - Preschool	48	C
Main	Playground C - Field	38	C

Comments

The investigation remains open on this date, pending additional information. Upon completion the finding will be reviewed with the provider and a final copy of the report will be sent.

This was a incident investigation and follow up visit.

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.al.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), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

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 Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Facility

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2023

Corrected on 6/20/2023

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the repairs were observed to be made to the fence. Please ensure to maintain the fence at all times.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2023

Corrected on 6/20/2023

.29(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that the facility has submitted a required report within the 24 hour period. Please ensure to continue to report incidents within the required 24 hour period at all times.

Staff Records

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on observation that staff #21 hired on February 15, 2023, did not have evidence of having current CPR and First Aid on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2023

Recited on 6/20/2023