



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

Date: 7/18/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 12:10 PM

Departure: 1:20 PM

CCLC-33284

The Chestnut Treehouse III

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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. |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|--|
| 07/18/2022 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
| 04/11/2022 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
| 11/22/2021 | Complaint Investigation by Phone | Good Standing | |

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| 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 - 1st Right | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 1 | 8 | C | 15 | C | NA | NA | Free Play,Nap |
| Main | B - 2nd Right | | 0 | 0 | C | 8 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | C - 3rd Right | | 0 | 0 | C | 11 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | D - Back Right | | 0 | 0 | C | 20 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | E - Back Left | Six Year Olds and Over | 1 | 8 | C | 22 | C | NA | NA | Free Play |
| Main | F - 2nd Left | | 0 | 0 | C | 22 | C | NA | NA | |
| Main | G - 1st Left | | 0 | 0 | C | 15 | C | NA | NA | |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113 | | | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 16 | | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main | Playground A - 6wk to 23mth | 7 | C |
| Main | Playground B - School Age | 22 | C |
| Main | Playground C - Preschool | 36 | C |
| Main | Playground D - 2's | 23 | C |

Comments

A monitoring visit was completed on this date.

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 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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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)

Candace Christina, Program Official

Date

Beth Holland, Consultant

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 variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

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. Consultant observed lawn maintenance distributing mulch on playground on this date.

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**

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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)**Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 8****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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|--------------------------|-----|
| Staff # 1 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 05/17/2017 | |
| Staff # 2 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 08/14/2014 | |
| Staff # 3 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 02/01/2013 | |
| Staff # 4 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 05/07/2018 | |
| Staff # 5 | Met |
| Staff # 6 | Met |
| Staff # 7 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 03/19/2018 | |
| Staff # 8 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 01/01/2012 | |

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2

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

Comment

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit April 20, 2022.

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

Discussed combining children of mixed ages. The center currently has a small enrollment and is struggling with staffing. Consultant discussed appropriate ways to combine ages and meeting ratio's for the youngest age in group.

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2022

Corrected on 7/18/2022

.32(1) - Previous citation observed to be corrected. Two classrooms were observed to be operating on this date. Both classrooms were observed to be in ratio compliance.

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.