



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/11/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:25 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

CCLC-3579

Riverside Children's Center

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Quality Rated: No

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.
05/11/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/18/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/07/2022	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
Building 1	1 (0-12 months)	Infants	2	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Building 1	10 (threes)	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	7	C	13	C	18	C	Free Play
Building 1	11 (threes)		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	Not In Use
Building 1	12 (four-five years)		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	Not In Use
Building 1	13 (School-age)		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	Not In Use
Building 1	2 (one-two years)		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 1	3 (9-18 months)	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Building 1	4 (two years)		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 1	5 (Activity Room)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	18	C	18	C	NA	NA	TV
Building 1	6 (one years)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Building 1	7 (5-12yrs)		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 1	8 (threes)		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 1	9 (fours)	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	21	C	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			193		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 238					
Building 2	downstairs (school-age)		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			19		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 238					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 1	Front	18	C
Building 1	Rear	113	C

Comments

Consultant discussed the rule violations with the director.

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!

Tiffany Watson, Program Official

Date

Yolanda Marable, Regional Consultant

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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.

Correction Deadline: 11/17/2022

Corrected on 5/11/2023

Previous citation corrected on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.06(1) requires the center to provide a specified minimum number of flush toilets and hand washing sinks with running water for the use of all children, at least one flush toilet for children being potty-trained and to not substitute nursery potty chairs for a required flush toilet. It was determined based on observation the second and third toilet did not flush in the girls hallway bathroom. It was further determined the left and right sink did not have running hot water in the boys and girls hallway bathroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will add the required number of flush toilets and/or sinks or decrease the licensed capacity.

Correction Deadline: 6/10/2023

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that room nine and ten had staff personal bags accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2023

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 were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on review of records on May 10, 2023, the unload check was not completed on the transportation form for Northwood Elementary, St. Peter Claver Catholic School, Vineville Academy, Rose Taylor Elementary. It was further determined based on review of records on May 10, 2023, the load check was not completed on the transportation form for Rose Taylor Elementary.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 5/12/2023**Correction Deadline: 5/11/2023**

Corrected on 5/11/2023

Previous citation corrected on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on review of records on May 10, 2023, the second check signature was not completed on the transportation form for Northwood Elementary, St. Peter Claver Catholic School, Vineville Academy, Rose Taylor Elementary.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2023

Recited on 5/11/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Director provided five file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/17/2022

Corrected on 5/11/2023

Previous citation corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/17/2022

Corrected on 5/11/2023

Previous citation corrected on this date.

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)

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 10/18/2022

Corrected on 5/11/2023

Previous citation corrected on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4)(a) requires that during the early morning times of arrival and late afternoon times of departure, infants and children younger than three (3) years may be grouped with older children so long as Staff: child ratios and group size are met based on the age of the youngest child in the group. It was determined based on observation that upon consultant's arrival in room five children ages one, two, and three-year-olds were housed together outside of the first and last hour of the day.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain Staff:child ratios based on the youngest child in the group during early morning and late afternoon times when children younger than three years of age may be grouped with older children.

Correction Deadline: 5/11/2023

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.