

## Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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**Date:** 1/19/2023 Arrival: 10:00 AM Departure: 1:00 PM VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Deficient

# **CCLC-26968**

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| Compliance Zone Designation |                                   |               |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|--|--|--|
| 01/19/2023                  | Monitoring Visit                  | Good Standing |  |  |  |
| 09/28/2022                  | Licensing Study                   | Good Standing |  |  |  |
| 08/17/2022                  | Incident<br>Investigation Closure | 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.

Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting Support

rules.

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<br>SF. | 35 SF.<br>Comp. | Max 25<br>SF.           | 25 SF.<br>Comp. | Notes           |
|---------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Building<br>2 | Kindergarten   |                                       | 0     | 0        | С                 | 30            | С               | NA                      | NA              | Not In Use      |
|               |                | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 3         | 0     |          | Total C<br>ft.: 0 | apacity @     | 25 sq.          |                         |                 |                 |
| Main          | Room A         | Infants                               | 2     | 5        | С                 | 15            | С               | NA                      | NA              | Floor Play      |
| Main          | Room B         | One Year Olds                         | 2     | 5        | С                 | 15            | С               | NA                      | NA              | Circle Time     |
| Main          | Room C         | One Year Olds and Two<br>Year Olds    | 1     | 11       | С                 | 21            | С               | NA                      | NA              | Circle Time     |
| Main          | Room D         | Two Year Olds                         | 2     | 13       | С                 | 25            | С               | NA                      | NA              | Circle Time     |
| Main          | Room E         | Three Year Olds                       | 2     | 14       | С                 | 28            | С               | NA                      | NA              | Circle Time     |
| Main          | Room F-3A      | Three Year Olds and Four<br>Year Olds | 2     | 10       | С                 | 25            | С               | NA                      | NA              | Circle Time     |
| Main          | Room G-3B      | GA PreK                               | 2     | 11       | С                 | 25            | С               | NA                      | NA              | Circle Time     |
| Main          | Room H-Prek 4A | GA PreK                               | 2     | 21       | С                 | 35            | С               | NA                      | NA              | Circle Time     |
| Main          | Room I-Prek 4B | GA PreK                               | 2     | 17       | С                 | 35            | С               | NA                      | NA              | Centers         |
|               |                | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 2         | 24    |          | Total C<br>ft.: 0 | apacity @     | 25 sq.          | Building (<br>Centers F |                 | city limited by |

Total # Children this Date: 107 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 254 Total Capacity @25 sq.

| Building | Playground         | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | D- 4-12 yrs        | 90                   | C                     |
| Main     | PG A 6 wks-35 mths | 39                   | С                     |

| Main | PG B-3-4 yrs    | 58 | С |
|------|-----------------|----|---|
| Main | PG C- Back Play | 17 | С |

#### Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a monitoring 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, <a href="http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>, 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 <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a> for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

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## (Findings Report)

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|  | Activities and Equipment |
|--|--------------------------|
| 591-1-112 Equipment & Toys(CR)   | Met                      |
| <b>Comment</b> A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.        |                          |
| <b>Comment</b> Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.     |                          |
| 591-1-135 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)                                    | Met                      |
| Comment Center does not provide swimming activities.                                       |                          |
|  | Facility                 |
| 591-1-119 License Capacity(CR)   | Met                      |
| Comment Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.                          |                          |
| 591-1-125 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)  | Met                      |
| Comment Center appears clean and well maintained.  |                          |
| <b>Comment</b> Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of childre | n.                       |
| 591-1-126 Playgrounds(CR)  | Met                      |

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Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Comment

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**Food Service** 

## 591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2022

#### **Corrected on 1/19/2023**

.15(7) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed the menu to meet all USDA requirements on this date.

## **Health and Hygiene**

## 591-1-1.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the staff on this date.

#### 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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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)

**Not Met** 

#### Comment

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

#### Comment

The consultant observed the following vehicles to have a current vehicle inspection report on file:

- Vehicle Tag # BMD 6836 Expires March 8, 2023.
- Vehicle Tag # PB 6896 Expires March 8, 2023.

## Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/8/2022

#### **Corrected on 1/19/2023**

.36(3)(a-b) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed staff who participate in transportation to have evidence of transportation training on this date.

## **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 It was determined based on review of records that the center did not document with a check or other mark/symbol to account for the load and unloading of two of two children receiving school transportation services to and from Peachtree Elementary during the week of December 5, 2022.

## 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: 1/20/2023
Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022

#### **Corrected on 1/19/2023**

.36(8) - The consultant observed the previous citation to be corrected in that the consultant observed the travel time to be less than forty-five minutes on this date.

## **Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

**Not Met** 

#### 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.

#### Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that the crib sheets in classroom A and B were not tight-fitting on this date.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2023

**Staff Records** 

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

**Not Met** 

#### Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined based on review of records that staff member #26, hired on October 3, 2022, had a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file that was within the 12 month portability period, but had not been electronically ported as required. Staff member #26 was observed working with children in classroom G on this date. Consultant assisted provider in porting the staff member before ending the visit. A one-day letter and video training affiliated was left on this date.

## **POI** (Plan of Improvement)

IMMÉDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that only the most recently issued determination letter is electronically ported for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 1/19/2023

## 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 review of records that the following staff members did not have evidence of CPR and first training within 90 days of their hire date:

Staff member #4 with a documented date of hire of August 10, 2022.

Staff member #19 with a documented date of hire of August 19, 2022.

Staff member #20 with a documented date of hire of September 7, 2022.

Staff member #22 with a documented date of hire of August 22, 2022.

Staff member #23 with a documented date of hire of July 20, 2022.

Staff member #26 with a documented date of hire of October 3, 2022.

## **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: 2/18/2023

## 591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

**Not Met** 

## Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on review of records that the following staff members did not completed health and safety orientation training within their first 90 days of employment:

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Staff member #22 with a documented date of hire of August 22, 2022.

Staff member #23 with a documented date of hire of July 20, 2022.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 2/18/2023

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.