

# 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: 3/16/2023 VisitType: Incident

Arrival: 8:30 AM

Departure: 12:00 PM

Investigation/Licensing

Study

CCLC-35610

Childcare Network #228

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			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				
03/16/2023	Incident Investigation/Licensi ng Study	Good Standing	standing, support				
11/14/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	Support	the rules.  Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting			
11/10/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	Deficient	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 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	1st Left	Infants	1	3	С	15	С	NA	NA	Floor Play,Diapering
Main	1st Right	One Year Olds	3	9	С	15	С	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	2nd Left		0	0	С	19	С	NA	NA	
Main	2nd Right	Two Year Olds	1	7	С	20	С	NA	NA	Breakfast,Transit ioning
Main	3rd Left		0	0	С	20	С	NA	NA	
Main	3rd Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	16	С	17	С	24	С	Circle Time
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 10	06		Total C ft.: 106	apacity @	25 sq.			

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Total # Children this Date: 35 Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 106 Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 106 ft.: 106

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	4-11 years	80	С
Main	Infants	10	С
Main	Toddler	24	С

#### 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.

Plan of Imorovement developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/16/2023

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.

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#### 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 <u>www.decalkoala.com</u> 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 a1 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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# The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

# **Activities and Equipment**

591-1-1-.03 Activities Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed ensuring that lesson plans are dated for the current week.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

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

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022

Corrected on 3/16/2023 .25(3) - Citation corrected.

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

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

**Food Service** 

# 591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

**Technical Assistance** 

#### **Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed that items not in the original containers need to be labeled, and the bottom of the kitchen sink will need to be cleaned and repaired as the wooden board is not flush with the rest of the boards.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

**Health and Hygiene** 

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

**Not Met** 

## **Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that the rubber gloves on the dipaering station in the 1st Right Classroom are inccessbile to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

# **Finding**

591-1-1-.10(9) requires Center Staff to not use the area used for diapering for food preparation and to keep the diapering area clear of formulas, food, food utensils and food preparation items. It was determined based on observation that a staff member in the 2nd Right Classroom was serving children water from the diapering sink without it being properly sanitized prior.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

Center staff will be trained, specified areas will be available for food preparation and placement of food-related items, and the director will monitor.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

#### 591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation two children in the 1st Right Classroom entered for the day and were not required to wash their hands.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

# **Finding**

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that a staff member in the 1st Left Classroom did not wash hands prior to diapering and only placed on gloves.

## POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

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Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

## Recited on 3/16/2023

# 591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

**Not Met** 

#### Finding

591-1-1-.20(1) requires Personnel to obtain specific written authorization from the child's physician or parent in order to dispense prescription or non-prescription medications, except for first aid. Such authorization will include when applicable, date; full name of the child; name of the medication; prescription number, if any; dosage; the dates to be given; the time of day to be dispensed; and signature of parent. It was determined based on a review of records that medication was to be given to an enrolled child Hanurary 25, 2023 through January 27, 2023 per the medication form signed by the parent on January 25, 2023, however; it was also given to the child March 7, 2023 through March 9, 2023 without parental permission.

#### POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to obtain and review parental authorizations to ensure the authorization contains complete information. The designated person(s) will monitor daily.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals Not Evaluated

#### Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

## 591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

# 591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Not Evaluated

#### Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

## 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.

Correction Deadline: 5/25/2022

#### **Corrected on 3/16/2023**

.36(7)(b) - Citation observed to be corrected.

# **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 observation that the on March 8, 2023 and March 9, 2023 an enrolled child was not marked as loading, unloading or absent during afternoon transportation from Rosa Taylor.

#### 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.

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Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023

# **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.

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2022

**Corrected on 3/16/2023** 

.30(1)(b)3 - Citation corrected.

**Staff Records** 

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

Met

#### Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

#### 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 a review of records that one staff member hired in November 2022 did not have first aid and CPR within 90 days of hire.

#### 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: 4/15/2023

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) Met

#### Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

# 591-1-1-.32 Staff: Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2022

Corrected on 3/16/2023 .32(1) - Citation corrected.

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**Not Met** 

#### **Finding**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtime, nap time, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtime and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that upon arrival the 1st Right Classroom a one-year-old was eating and apple on the floor in the carpet area, three staff members were in the room and one staff member went to the sink and child was left on the carpet with no staff member arms length away. It was further determined that in the 2nd Right Classroom the staff member was at the carpet area and the diapering area and three two-year-old children were sitting at the table eating. Staff was not within arms length away from the children.

# POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 3/16/2023

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