



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/24/2023 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:35 AM **Departure:** 1:45 PM

CCLC-22068

Childcare Network #160

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
01/24/2023	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/13/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/08/2022	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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	Fifth Left		0	0	C	26	C	37	C	
Main	First Left	One Year Olds	2	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	First Right	Infants	2	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap
Main	Fourth Left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	15	C	18	C	25	C	Centers
Main	Fourth Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	21	C	24	C	33	C	Centers
Main	Front Left (Pre-K)	GA PreK	2	18	C	24	C	34	C	Lunch,Transitioning
Main	Front Right (Pre-K)		0	0	C	20	C	28	C	
Main	Second Left	One Year Olds	2	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Second Right	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Third Left	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	9	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Third Right	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 204

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 249

Total # Children this Date: 109

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Front Left-Play	35	C


Main	Front Right-Play	20	C
Main	Large Back-Play	371	C
Main	Second Right-Play	68	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct an Incident Investigation and Monitoring Visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/24/2023

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, <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

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 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Katina Mathis, Program Official

Date

Melyn Smith, 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: 12/16/2022

Corrected on 1/24/2023

.12(2) - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that all equipment and furniture was observed to be free from hazardous conditions and in good repair on this date.

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

N/A

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)**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 the following potential hazards were observed on this date:

- First Left Classroom – A broom and dust pan were observed accessible to children behind the diaper changing table on this date.
- Fourth Left Classroom – The air conditioner unit cord was observed loose and accessible to children which posed as a strangulation hazard on this date.
- Fourth Right Classroom – The air conditioner unit cord was observed loose and accessible to children which posed as a strangulation hazard on this date.

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: 1/25/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined, based on observation, that the climbing equipment on the Large Back Playground was observed to be cracked with sharp edges on this date. It was further determined that the black plastic barrier surrounding the climbing equipment on the Large Back Playground was observed to have cracks and raised stakes on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 2/3/2023

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)**N/A****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)**Not Met****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit 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, based on review of records, that the driver or other designated person failed to document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol, one of seven children loading and unloading the vehicle during afternoon routine transportation from Copeland Elementary to the Center on January 5, 2023, and January 6, 2023. It was further determined that the driver or other designated person failed to document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol, seven of seven children unloading the vehicle at the end of afternoon routine transportation from Copeland Elementary to the Center on January 6, 2023.

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: 1/25/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined, based on observation, that an infant in the Third Left Classroom was observed sleeping in the green vinyl circle play environment, when it was required for the infant to be transferred to a safety-approved crib.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2023**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined, based on observation, that cots were observed stored in seven of nine operating classrooms accessible to children on this date, when it was required that the cots be stored in such a way as to prevent children's access to them, such as being covered with a sheet or similar material or positioned behind toy shelving to prevent children's access.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will store cots and mats so children do not have access to them and they don't take up play space and will store them so each child's bedding is separate from the others.

Correction Deadline: 1/27/2023

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/12/2023

Corrected on 1/24/2023

.14(2) - Previous citation corrected, based on review of records, in that 100% of staff were observed to have current certification in first aid and CPR 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) Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.