



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

Date: 8/4/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 12:50 PM

CCLC-1759

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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.
08/04/2022	Monitoring Visit	Deficient	
04/27/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
03/14/2022	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	

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	1L		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	1R	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	2L	GA PreK	2	17	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	2R	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3L	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	3R	One Year Olds	2	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 98

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 55

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 98

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	BACK PLAYGROUND	28	C
Main	FRONT PLAYGROUND	13	C
Main	Left Front	33	C
Main	Left Rear Playground	24	C

Comments

On August 4, 2022, the consultant followed up to previous visit and conducted an on-site Monitoring Visit. Consultant requested the director submit required documents for the Administrative Review process. An administrative review was completed on August 15, 2022 and consultant obtained directors signature on administrative review letter.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 08/30/2022

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/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



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)

Sonya Woodruff, Program Official

Date

Kajora McCoy, Consultant

Date

Kesha McNeal, 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.

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) **Technical Assistance**

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(17) - Please ensure that there are no thorny vines on the playground.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2022

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 following playground hazards were observed on the left front playground:

- Three of five seats on the riding merry go round were broken and cracked.
- There was rust located on the top and inside of the red tunnel.
- There was rust and chipping paint located on the climbing structure.

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Correction Deadline: 8/14/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation the center failed to ensure climbing equipment and swinging equipment had sufficient resilient surface beneath the equipment and fall zones when the playground structure had less than 3 inches of resilient surface when six inches was required.

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Correction Deadline: 8/8/2022

Recited on 8/4/2022

Health and Hygiene

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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 that children in classroom 3R did not wash hands before eating lunch.

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Correction Deadline: 8/4/2022

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 teachers in classroom 3R did not wash their hands before handling food.

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Correction Deadline: 8/4/2022

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

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

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Please ensure that staff is knowledgeable on safe sleep procedures and requirements.

Comment

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) - Please ensure that all infants who are under twelve months of age are sleeping in an approved crib.

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 26**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 01/01/2006	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 02/11/2021	
Staff # 3	Met
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/30/2007	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 09/09/2013	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 07/19/2021	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 10/05/2015	
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 11/19/2021	
Staff # 11	Met

Date of Hire: 08/22/2017

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 01/05/2006

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 06/27/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 11/02/2009

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 02/25/2008

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 07/19/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 17 Met

Staff # 18 Met

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 06/21/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 20 Met

Date of Hire: 11/04/2020

Staff # 21 Met

Date of Hire: 01/05/2020

Staff # 22 Met

Date of Hire: 08/13/2019

Staff # 23 Met

Date of Hire: 02/08/2022

Staff # 24 Met

Date of Hire: 01/05/2006

Staff # 25 Met

Date of Hire: 06/06/2022 Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 26 Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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.