



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

Date: 9/9/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:45 AM **Departure:** 11:40 AM

CCLC-12198

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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. 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.
09/09/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/21/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/16/2021	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
I	A- Downstairs		0	0	C	64	C	89	C	Not In Use
I	A- upstairs 1R	One Year Olds	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
I	B- Mid(Dining)	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	11	C	NA	NA	Centers
I	B upstairs 2 R	Two Year Olds	2	14	NC	14	C	NA	NA	Centers
I	C upstairs 1L	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
I	D-upstairs 3R	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	17	NC	NA	NA	Music
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 134					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 159					
II	Pre-K		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 25					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 159					
Total # Children this Date: 62			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 159			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 159				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
I	PGR	72	C
I	Playground	72	C
II	Paved Surface	8	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/09/2022

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.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



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!

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)

Minka Dutch, Program Official

Date

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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

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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)

Met

Comment

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

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

Not Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair. Please ensure kudzu is removed from the fence.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Please check fencing on the left side of the Preschool/After school playground (of facing away from the building) to ensure it is maintained at four feet.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined [based on observation that gap of approximately one inch was observed at the bottom of the fence on the right side of the toddler play area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2022

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 stated proper knowledge of the rules.

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) **N/A**

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR) **N/A**

Comment

There were currently no infants in care.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 15

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met
Date of Hire: 12/31/2018

Staff # 2 Met
Date of Hire: 01/24/2022

Records Reviewed: 15**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/05/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 07/30/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 04/03/2019	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 03/31/2014	
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Date of Hire: 08/05/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Date of Hire: 07/06/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 15	Met
Date of Hire: 08/29/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 7

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

Comment

Criminal record 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.