



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/27/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:25 AM

Departure: 1:30 PM

CCLC-10777

The Clifton School/The Clifton Site

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Same

Quality Rated: No

Compliance Zone Designation		
06/27/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
08/15/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
03/02/2022	Monitoring Visit	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.

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	132 Holly	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	134 Mulberry	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	144 Red Bug	One Year Olds	3	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	146 Dogwood	One Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	152 Maple	Three Year Olds	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	154 Sweet Gum	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	164 Willow	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	166 Laurel	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	175-Silver Bell	One Year Olds	2	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Story,Diapering
Main	176/Library	Four Year Olds	2	14	C	26	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	180 Birch	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	182 Chestnut	Four Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	186 Elm	Three Year Olds	2	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	188 Hickory	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	192 Oak	Three Year Olds	2	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	194 Cypress	Four Year Olds	2	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	A1-120 Fern	Infants	2	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	A2-122 VA Creepers	One Year Olds	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	A3-124 Primrose	Infants	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	A4-126 Lily	Infants	2	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 318

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant	24	C
Main	Older Toddler	70	C
Main	PS	136	C
Main	Young Toddlers	45	C

Comments

Visit completed

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/27/2023

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.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

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 qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Cindy Britt, 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

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-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2022

Corrected on 6/27/2023

.06(4) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed that the vent in the PreK room had been repaired.

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

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2022

Corrected on 6/27/2023

.25(12) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed that heating and cooling equipment was stored out of the reach of children.

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 a container of sunscreen was in a child's book bag and accessible to children in the PreK room.

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: 6/27/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that ceiling tiles were missing in the PreK bathroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 7/14/2023

Recited on 6/27/2023

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

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 a wooden storage shed on the large playground had a hole with a six inch opening at the bottom which posed a potential entrapment hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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Correction Deadline: 7/14/2023

Recited on 6/27/2023

Comment

591-1-1-.26(9) - Routine playground maintenance was discussed.

Correction Deadline: 6/27/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR) **Met**

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **Not Evaluated**

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) **Met**

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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-.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.