



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/2/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-1773

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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.
08/02/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/16/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/04/2022	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
Building Two	101		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building Two	102		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building Two	103		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building Two	104		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 71			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	A-Caterpillars- Infants	Infants	1	2	C	23	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Main	B- Hummingbirds- 3 y/o		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C- Bumble Bees One and Two Year Olds	One Year Olds	2	6	C	18	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D-Swans- Schoolage		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E- Peacocks	Three Year Olds	1	4	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	F- Ladybugs	Four Year Olds	3	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	G-Butterflies	Two Year Olds	3	7	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 139			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 26		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 210			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Comments

Visit completed

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/02/2023

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.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

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 user id 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!

Elizabeth Cook, Program Official

Date

Roslyn Williams, Regional 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-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/16/2023

Corrected on 8/2/2023

.03(1) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed a current lesson in all rooms in use.

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/16/2023

Corrected on 8/2/2023

.12(2) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed that the Hummingbird room was not in use.

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 potentially hazardous items were accessible to children in the following rooms:

Butterflies- insect repellent in a child's book bag.

Grasshoppers- plastic bags in an unlocked drawer near the sink and baby wipes on a shelf

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: 8/2/2023**Recited on 8/2/2023**

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 the right handle bar on the Little Tikes blue rocker was missing.

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: 8/3/2023**Recited on 8/2/2023****Correction Deadline: 2/26/2023****Corrected on 8/2/2023**

.26(8) - The previous citation. The consultant observed that the large play structure was not in use.

Correction Deadline: 3/3/2023**Corrected on 8/2/2023**

.26(9) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed that the area near the large play structure was not in use.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Correction Deadline: 2/24/2023****Corrected on 8/2/2023**

.15(3) The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed that the refrigerator temperature in the Caterpillar's room measured 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on review of records that the Center did not document that an emergency drill was conducted in February 2023 through April 2023, and June 2023 through July 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2023

Recited on 8/2/2023

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) **Met**

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.

Finding

591-1-1-.14(1) requires the Center Director and, at any given time, at least fifty percent (50%) of the caregiver Staff to successfully complete a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid. The first aid training must be done by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. The Center shall maintain current evidence of the successful completion of such training which shall be available to the Department for inspection. It was determined based on review of records that the Center Director did not have evidence of CPR and first aid training on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director and at least 50% of the caregiver Staff will complete the needed training. The Director will send written verification to the consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure that at least 50% of the caregiver Staff have completed this training at any given time and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2023

Recited on 8/2/2023

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.