



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/26/2020 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

CCLC-1723

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Quality Rated: No

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.
02/26/2020	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/30/2020	Incident Investigation/Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/30/2020	Incident Investigation Closure	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	102	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	110		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	103	PreK	2	20	C	22	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	108	Infants	1	4	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap, Free Play
Main	109	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	111	One Year Olds	1	5	C	9	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 73					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 46					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground LF	25	C
Main	Playground RT	56	C
Main	Tricycle Area	14	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Plan of Improvement Visit from the visit conducted on January 30, 2020.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/26/2020

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.decal.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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

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 New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.decal.ga.gov/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov

Jennifer Brown, Program Official

Date

Mandi Sloan, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2020

Corrected on 2/26/2020

.12(2) - The previous visit was corrected on this date as equipment and furniture were observed to be free from hazardous conditions. Further, the blue chair in Room 111 (one-year-olds) has been removed.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2019

Corrected on 2/26/2020

.35(3) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. Program staff stated that the program will no longer be participating in swimming activities or field trips to the university pool.

Correction Deadline: 8/27/2019

Corrected on 2/26/2020

.35(6) - The previous citation was corrected on this date. Program staff stated that the program will no longer be participating in swimming activities or field trips to the university pool.

Facility

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(11) - Consultant discussed with provider to ensure the floor coverings (removable rugs) throughout the classrooms are kept free from frayed edges and are tight and smooth.

Correction Deadline: 3/27/2020

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2020

Corrected on 2/26/2020

.26(6) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as playground equipment was observed to be in good repair. Further, the four tricycles on the right playground and the one tricycle on the front patio that were previously observed in disrepair have been removed from the play areas.

Correction Deadline: 2/9/2020

Corrected on 2/26/2020

.26(8) - The previous citation was corrected on this date as resilient surface was observed to be adequately maintained. Further, three inches of resilient surface was present under the play structure (measuring three to five feet in height) on the right playground.

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2020

Corrected on 2/26/2020

.26(9) - The previous citation was corrected this the playground was observed to be kept clean and free from litter and hazards. Further, the exposed tree roots surrounding the large tree within the sand area on the right playground have been spray painted with orange paint, no longer causing a potential tripping hazard.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/30/2020

Corrected on 2/26/2020

.29(3) - The previous citation was corrected on this this date as program staff stated proper knowledge of reporting requirements to the Department.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 2/13/2020

Corrected on 2/26/2020

.30(1)(b)1 - The previous citation was corrected on this date as cots were observed to be of sound construction. Further, new cots have been purchased for the toddlers in Room 111 and the cots containing rips and tears have been removed from the program.

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 one seven-month-old infant was observed to be asleep in equipment other than a safety-approved crib. This infant was observed to be asleep in a swing.

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: 2/26/2020

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided one file for employee hired since the last visit conducted on January 30, 2020.