



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/12/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:15 AM

Departure: 1:00 PM

CCLC-11124

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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.
12/12/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/08/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/13/2017	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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	Left Hall-1st left	One Year Olds	2	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Snack,TV
Main	Left Hall-1st right	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	18	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Left Hall-2nd left	Infants	3	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Left Hall-2nd right	Two Year Olds	3	12	C	18	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	Right Hall-1st left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	9	C	18	C	25	C	Snack
Main	Right Hall-1st right		0	0	C	21	C	29	C	
Main	Right Hall-2nd left	Four Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	25	C	Art,Centers
Main	Right Hall-2nd right		0	0	C	21	C	29	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 180				
Total # Children this Date: 59			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 180				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

The purpose of today's visit is a monitoring visit. This is the first visit of the fiscal year. The center does provide transportation.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/12/2018

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

Cathy Stevick, 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)

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2018

Corrected on 12/12/2018

.12(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The bucket seats were observed to have straps in them.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - The consultant observed two blue bucket seats to be cracked on the seat area presenting a pinching hazard to children in care. The Director replaced the bucket seats during the visit and will monitor the seats for any future cracks. Additionally, one of the green pillow lounge chairs in the after school room had a broken zipper and the inside foam was exposed. The consultant discussed repairing the zipper or removing the chair.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2018

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - The consultant observed in the four-year-old classroom two stacks of yellow chairs stacked more than five chairs high and a tall cubby shelf to present a potential tipping or falling hazard. The consultant discussed with the director about lowering the stacks of chairs and securing the cubby shelf to the wall.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2018

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 3

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Child # 1

Met

Child # 2

Met

Child # 3

Met

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/8/2018****Corrected on 12/12/2018****.08(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All children records reviewed had the required information.****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**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) The consultant observed bolts on the lower playground area chain link fence to be longer than the required two threads in length. The consultant discussed with the director about having the bolts cut down to two threads in length so that they do not present a protrusion hazard to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2018**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6) - The consultant observed the log cabin on the lower playground to have several cracks in the roof and to be cracked on the window sills on both sides. The consultant discussed with the director about repairing, removing, or replacing the log cabin.

Correction Deadline: 12/22/2018**Correction Deadline: 3/18/2018****Corrected on 12/12/2018****.26(8) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The center's playground had the required resilient surface depth.****Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. The consultant observed eight of the nine infants to be wearing bibs during floor play time. The consultant discussed with the staff and director about the bibs posing a possible choking hazards to infants during playtime or nap time and recommended that bibs only be worn during feeding times.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2018**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the changing pad in the two-year-old classroom had four rips in the pad exposing the foam inside and preventing the pad from being waterproof and cleanable as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2018

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

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 in the three and four-year-old classroom three children did not wash their hands after snack time.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2018

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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**

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Comment

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

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined that seven of the eleven crib mattresses in use were split at the side seams and had exposed foam preventing the mattresses from being waterproof and cleanable as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2018

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 [] file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Please ensure completed orientation checklists are documented and signed.

Comment

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.