



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/17/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

CCLC-14757

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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.
03/17/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/20/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/02/2021	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	
Bldg 2	Room 1		0	0	C	4	C	NA	NA		
Bldg 2	Room 2		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA		
Bldg 2	Room 3		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA		
Bldg 2	Room 4		0	0	C	4	C	NA	NA		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			25			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks
Main	A- 1st Right		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA		
Main	B-2nd Rt-2 y/o	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	8	C	7	NC	NA	NA	Circle Time	
Main	C- End of hall-0-12 mos	Infants and One Year Olds	1	3	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Story	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			24			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:		0			
Total # Children this Date: 11			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			49		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	7	C
Main	Playground B	15	C

Comments

A virtual inspection was conducted on March 17, 2022 with the Director. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Director provided one file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/17/2022

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)

Donna Wall, Program Official

Date

Kesha McNeal, Consultant

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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that the center cared for eight children in a space that is licensed for seven children in the 2nd right classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the number of children in this space to the licensed capacity.

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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)

Met

Comment

Playgrounds observed to be clean and in good repair.

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 of children and staff was discussed with the director and staff on this date.

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

The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director and staff 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) **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 based on the consultant's observation that two of two crib mattress were not tight-fitting without gaps as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

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Correction Deadline: 9/20/2021

Corrected on 3/17/2022

.30(1)(a)3 - Previous citation observed corrected. Center staff stated that sheets are washed as needed.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 7

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met

Staff # 3 Met

Date of Hire: 03/02/2020

Staff # 4 Met

Records Reviewed: 7**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Date of Hire: 02/01/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff # 5

Met

Staff # 6

Met

Date of Hire: 06/01/2020

Staff # 7

Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2**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(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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)****Not Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4)(a) requires that during the early morning times of arrival and late afternoon times of departure, infants and children younger than three (3) years may be grouped with older children so long as Staff: child ratios and group size are met based on the age of the youngest child in the group. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that children younger than three (3) years were grouped with older children at time other than the first and last hour of operation.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain Staff:child ratios based on the youngest child in the group during early morning and late afternoon times when children younger than three years of age may be grouped with older children.

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2022**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.