



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/14/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 1:00 PM

CCLC-17259

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

| Compliance Zone Designation | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 01/14/2019 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |
| 08/14/2018 | Licensing Study | Good Standing |
| 02/26/2018 | 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 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------|------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| One | A-Front left | One Year Olds | 1 | 6 | C | 16 | C | NA | NA | Free Play, Feeding, Diapering |
| One | B- Back left | Infants | 1 | 6 | C | 11 | C | NA | NA | Nap, Floor Play |
| One | C-Back right | Two Year Olds | 1 | 12 | NC | 25 | C | NA | NA | Centers |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: | | | 52 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | |
| Two | D- Building Two | | 0 | 0 | C | 22 | C | NA | NA | |
| Two | E-Building Two Left | Three Year Olds | 1 | 13 | C | 36 | C | NA | NA | Clean Up, Centers |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: | | | 58 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | |
| Total # Children this Date: 37 | | | Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110 | | | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 | | | | |

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| One | Infant-Toddler | 13 | C |
| Two | School age | 169 | C |

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is to conduct a moitoring visit.

The center is two star quality rated.

The director stated that they do not provide routine transportation, field trips, medication, or swimming activities.

The director provided one file for a new employee hired January 7, 2019.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/14/2019

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), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@dec.al.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://dec.al.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.dec.state.ga.us/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us

Frankie Jackson, 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) **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) **Met**

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2018

Corrected on 1/14/2019

.25(13) - This was observed corrected on this date. The power strip was attached to the wall and not accessible to the children in care.

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

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2018

Corrected on 1/14/2019

.26(4) - The was observed to be corrected on this date. No gaps in the fencing were observed.

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 following hazards were present and accessible to children in care on the playgrounds.

-On the School-Age playground the following equipment had chipping paint: the red helicopter and the blue tunnel on train.

- On the School-Age playground the chains on the swing set had yellow plastic covering that was peeling and leaving rough edges exposed.

-On the School-Age playground there was one broken swing that was attached only on one side and hanging down.

-On the Toddler playground the red race car had a crack in the fiberglass behind the two steering wheels and had a sharp edge.

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. The Director stated that the metal equipment would be sanded and repainted. The director stated that she would remove the swing set on the school age playground.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2019

Recited on 1/14/2019

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2018

Corrected on 1/14/2019

.26(9) - The was observed corrected on this date. No ant beds were observed on the playground.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(4) - The consultant spoke with the director about replacing the broken strap on the high chair in the one-year-old classroom so that it has a strap or other device which prevents the child from sliding out of the chair.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2019

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Records Reviewed: 9**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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|--------------------------|-----|
| Staff # 1 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 07/18/2017 | |
| Staff # 2 | Met |
| Staff # 3 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 01/07/2019 | |
| Staff # 4 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 06/01/2016 | |
| Staff # 5 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 12/09/2016 | |
| Staff # 6 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 01/28/2015 | |
| Staff # 7 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 12/01/2006 | |
| Staff # 8 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 09/01/2006 | |
| Staff # 9 | Met |
| Date of Hire: 03/03/2015 | |

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 9

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

591-1-1-.09(1)(j) - The consultant assisted the director in porting over in Decal Koala one new employee with a hire date of January 7, 2019 and within the portability window. The director did have a copy of the employee's satisfactory comprehensive records check on file.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2019

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

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| Staffing and Supervision |
|---------------------------------|

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that one staff member was present in the two-year-old classroom with twelve children. The employee immediately moved two children, who were already three, over to the three-year-old classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 1/14/2019

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.