

Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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Date: 6/5/2019 VisitType: Monitoring Visit Arrival: 10:20 AM Departure: 1:55 PM

CCLC-2326

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Compliance Zone Designation				
06/05/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing		
10/16/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing		
05/03/2018	Incident Investigation Closure	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

Deficient

 Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.

 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
Main	Lt.Hall-1L	Four Year Olds	1	9	С	23	С	NA	NA	Art
Main	Lt.Hall-1R	Four Year Olds	1	9	С	22	С	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Lt.Hall-2R	Three Year Olds	2	11	С	19	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Middle	Six Year Olds and Over	2	23	С	42	С	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Rt Hall-2R	Two Year Olds	2	15	С	21	С	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Rt. Hall-1L	Infants and Five Year Olds	2	14	С	13	NC	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play,Outside
Main	Rt.Hall-1R	One Year Olds	3	12	С	18	С	NA	NA	Art
Main	Rt.Hall-3R	Infants	2	7	С	13	С	NA	NA	Feeding
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 1	71		Total C ft.: 0	apacity @	25 sq.			
Total # Cl	hildren this Date: 100	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 1	71		Total C	apacity @	25 sq.	•		

ft.: 0

Playground Playground Building Playground Occupancy Compliance

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to complete a monitoring visit to follow up to the previous visit conducted October 16, 2018. Consutlant discussed criminal background check rules with director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/05/2019

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.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

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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

591-1-1-.12(4) Consultant observed all toys and equipment there were no tipping hazards.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2019

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

Met

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Comment

Swimming rules discussed.

Comment

591-1-1-.35(1) Consultant observed current Georgia Department of Human Resources and Georgia Department of Public Health recreational water parks permits.

Correction Deadline: 6/10/2019

Comment

591-1-1-.35(3) Consultant observed swim test and swim records. Provider stated proper knowledge of swim ratios and supervision. Consultant observed current lifeguard certification on file.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2019

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.

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2018

Corrected on 6/5/2019

.26(4) - Technical error. This citation was corrected on a previous.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed with provider fencing that had a non hazardous gap on the middle playground.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on consultant's observation that a lower bar on the back fence of the middle playground was broken and separated from the fencing. Additionally the interior fences between the preschool and school age playgrounds and the interior fence between the toddler and school age playgrounds had bolts that were greater than two threads.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2019

Correction Deadline: 5/3/2018

Corrected on 6/5/2019

.26(9) - Citation from previous complaint visit. Technical error. Previous citation has already been noted as corrected.

Food Service

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(2)(a) - Discussed with provider to ensure holding infants while feeding.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2019

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(7) - Consultant discussed with provider about ensuring children's handwashing occurs with warm water. Additionally consultant discussed with provider about infant and toddler hand washing and not using wipes as a substitute.

Correction Deadline: 6/5/2019

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

Comment

Consultant observed proper documentation for two consistent medications.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2018

Corrected on 6/5/2019

.21(3) - Consultant observed emergency drill to be up to date.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Comment

591-1-1-.36(4)(f)1 Due to one seat belt on vehicle DQM647 being not operational the capacity of the vehicle should be 13 passengers and 1 driver until seat belt is repaired. Consultant observed records that stated capacity of vehicle was within those limitations.

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2019

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) - Consultant discussed ensuring emergency medical authorizations for all children are maintained on the vehicle during transportation.

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2019

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Commen

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Discussed positions of infant sleeping equipment with staff.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 36	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 12/28/2015	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 02/23/2015	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 08/29/2016	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 11/11/2013	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 01/10/2017	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 09/17/2018	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 08/03/2015	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 01/11/2018	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 11/27/2017	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 07/26/2017	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 08/27/2018	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 07/16/2018	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 06/13/2016	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 01/25/2016	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 10/28/2013	Met

Records Reviewed: 36	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 10/17/2016	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 10/23/2013	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 01/20/2016	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 05/24/2017	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 01/29/2018	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 08/06/2018	Met
Staff # 22 Date of Hire: 08/13/2018	Met
Staff # 23 Date of Hire: 09/04/2012	Met
Staff # 24 Date of Hire: 08/06/2018	Met
Staff # 25 Date of Hire: 08/14/2018	Met
Staff # 26 Date of Hire: 08/08/2016	Met
Staff # 27 Date of Hire: 08/16/2018	Met
Staff # 28 Date of Hire: 08/23/2018	Met
Staff # 29 Date of Hire: 05/15/2013	Met
Staff # 30 Date of Hire: 05/11/1998	Met

Records Reviewed: 36	Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0
Staff # 31	Met
Date of Hire: 01/22/2017	
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Staff # 32 Date of Hire: 07/26/2017	Met
Date of Fille. 07/20/2017	
Staff # 33	Met
Date of Hire: 07/26/2017	
Staff # 34	Met
Date of Hire: 02/22/2016	Wet
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Staff # 35	Met
Date of Hire: 10/14/2014	
Staff # 36	Met
Date of Hire: 11/09/2015	
Staff Credentials Reviewed: 36	
591-1-109 Criminal Records and Comprehensi	ve Background Checks(CR) Met
Comment	nto.
Criminal record checks were observed to be completed to be com	Met
Correction Deadline: 4/25/2018	
Corrected on 6/5/2019 .33(3) Technical error - citation corrected during	previous visit.
591-1-131 Staff(CR)	Met
Comment	
Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws	and regulations.
	Staffing and Supervision
591-1-132 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(C	R) Met
Comment	
Adequate supervision observed on this date.	Mod
591-1-132 Supervision(CR)	Met
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Comment Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child	ratios. Discussed with provider supervision of preschool