



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/21/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 11:45 AM

CCLC-28747

"In His Arms" Educational Center

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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.
06/21/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/21/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/25/2017	Licensing Study	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	PreK back	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	20	NC	15	NC	21	C	Free Play
Main	Pre-K front	Six Year Olds and Over	1	24	NC	21	NC	30	C	Outside
Main	RM 1:1st Left	One Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	22	C	Outside
Main	RM 2: 2nd Left	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	RM 3	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	15	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	RM 4: Infant	Infants	1	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room 6	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	14	C	20	C	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 103					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 131					
Total # Children this Date: 88			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 103			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 131				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PGD 1-Right	97	C
Main	PGD 2-Middle	30	C
Main	PGD 3-Left	133	C

Comments

This was the second visit of the fiscal year.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/21/2018

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).



Reminder: All employees of child care programs must be fingerprinted before **January 1, 2017**. For instructions and to submit records check applications online, please visit www.decalkoala.com. You are encouraged not to wait and to complete the process as soon as possible.

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). Sign up for Quality Rated by June 30, 2018 in order to be eligible to receive a bonus package.

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.al.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@dec.al.ga.gov

Andrew Lipski, Program Official

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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(2) allows a Center to designate two specific one hour periods each day when only 25 square feet of space per child is provided for children three years of age and older in their assigned rooms or areas. This provision is intended to account for increased attendance for before-school and after-school care. It was determined based on observation that the center was using the 25 square feet capacity all day for summer camp and not just for the intended two hour period.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will limit the children to three years and older and will limit the time to the designated two hours in the approved rooms.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2018

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/21/2017

Corrected on 6/21/2018

.25(3) - Previous citation was correct on this date.

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

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the playground on the right had a screw protruding from the wooden balance beam. It was further determined that on the playground to the left there was a metal steak protruding from a wooden beam that measured three inches exposed near the wooden castle as well as a rake near the shed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2018

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15(4) - Discussed with Director about replacing straps on the feeding table in room 2. Director will not use table until straps are replaced.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2018

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Correction Deadline: 11/21/2017****Corrected on 6/21/2018**

.17(7) - Consultant observed proper handwashing on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2017**Corrected on 6/21/2018**

.17(8) - Consultant observed proper handwashing on this date.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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**

Complete documentation of transportation observed for a field trip taken on June 20, 2018.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 - Discussed with Director to monitor the condition of mattresses and sheets and replace as needed.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2018

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2017

Corrected on 6/21/2018

.30(1)(b)1 - Previous citation was corrct on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 03/05/2007	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/03/2005	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 05/01/2007	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 01/04/2010	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 03/31/2011	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/01/2010	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 04/01/2013	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 06/17/2016	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 11/20/2010	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 08/24/2005	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 04/01/2010	
Staff # 12	Met

Records Reviewed: 12

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 09/15/2008

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 12

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Met

Comment

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.