



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/24/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:40 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-32403

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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.
06/24/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/16/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
05/05/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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	Room #1- Left Front		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room #2- 2L		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room #3- 3L		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room #4 -1R		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room #5 - 2R	Three Year Olds	2	4	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Room #6- 3R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	8	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room #7- 4R	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	7	C	29	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room #8- Center Back	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	10	C	26	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			168		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 29			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 168		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A infant	31	C
Main	B Preschool	95	C
Main	C School Age	105	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit and to follow up to the previous visit conducted on May 5, 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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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.state.ga.us 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)

Luisa Vasquez, 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.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center.

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

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.25 - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children, such as, but not limited to:

- adult office supplies, such as white out, scissors, permanent markers
- cleaning tools, such as mops, brooms, plungers
- hygiene supplies, such as wipes, hand sanitizer
- tripping or entanglement hazards such as loose cords

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 observation that the fence on playground A had a broken end cap , the double gate between playground A and B had a twisted clamp on the left side causing the gate to lean, one of the top bars had come out of the end cap on playground B, and the gate on playground C had protruding wires along the bottom.

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: 6/24/2022**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that items on the playground are monitored for rust, peeling paint , or mildew.

Correction Deadline: 7/4/2022**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that the playground surface is free from holes. Director stated that the landscaper was scheduled to come the following week.

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff stated proper hand washing.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.20(2) requires that written authorization to dispense medication is limited to two weeks unless otherwise prescribed by a physician or authorized under Georgia law. Medication shall only be dispensed out of its original container which must be labeled with the child's name or as authorized under Georgia law. It was determined based on a review of records that the written authorization was for more than two weeks. Medication was discontinued before the two week time frame.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train all Staff on the medication requirements. The designated person(s) will monitor the dispensing of medications.

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2022

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff stated age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection.

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of safe infant sleeping position.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that when infants are enrolled, cribs are spaced twelve inches apart.

Correction Deadline: 6/24/2022

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 11/08/2013	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 04/26/2004	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 08/23/2021	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 07/25/2016	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 10/23/2012	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 08/27/2019	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 02/04/2019	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 09/10/2011	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 11/12/2002	
Staff # 10	Met

Records Reviewed: 18

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 04/22/2012

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 02/02/2017

Staff # 12 Met

Date of Hire: 07/25/2016

Staff # 13 Met

Date of Hire: 09/03/2019

Staff # 14 Met

Date of Hire: 09/04/2001

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 01/30/2016

Staff # 16 Met

Date of Hire: 11/01/1999

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 03/31/2022

Staff # 18 Met

Date of Hire: 08/01/2018

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 11

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 for employee hired since May 5, 2021.

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.