



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/23/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:50 AM

Departure: 11:00 AM

CCLC-32927

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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.
05/23/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/05/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/05/2018	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
Bld 2	Rm D-after school		0	0	C	17	C	24	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 17					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 77					
Main	Rm A	Infants and One Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	Rm B	Two Year Olds	2	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers,Diaperin g,Story Centers
Main	Rm C	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 60					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 77					
Total # Children this Date: 45		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 77			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 77					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground 1	10	C
Main	Playground 2	24	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit is a monitoring visit and a follow up for any previous rule citations. The center does not transport children.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/23/2019

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.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

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.state.ga.us.

- 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.state.ga.us/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

Brenda Nash, Program Official

Date

Beth Houtz, Consultant

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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-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2018

Corrected on 5/23/2019

.03(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Current lesson plans were observed in all classrooms.

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)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.08(6) requires the Center to maintain records of a child's daily arrival and departure for the twelve (12) preceding months that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent documents, in written or electronic format, each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the child. The documentation shall include at least the date, the child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person at the time of arrival and departure. These records shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. It was determined based on observation that in classroom B, only eight of nineteen children were signed-in and in classroom C, only nine of fourteen children were signed-in and accounted for on the daily arrival and departure sheet.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain arrival and departure records as required, will ensure the documentation includes all of the required information, and will provide the records to the Department when requested.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2019

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based on observation that in the school age building by the back door there was a tile broken and cracked with exposed plywood and a hole in the floor. The cracked area with exposed plywood measured six inches by five inches. Additionally three rows from the back door there were two other tiles cracked at the corners with exposed plywood.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary. The center director is aware of the cracked tiles and has schedule for them to be repaired over the weekend of May 24, 2019.

Correction Deadline: 6/22/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that in classroom B the storage closet was not locked and children in care had access to a broom, dust pan, and purse inside of the closet. Additionally, in the school age building there was a broom in one corner, a vacuum in another corner, and a plunger in the bathroom that were accessible to children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items. The consultant recommended that the center install child safety locks on the cabinet doors to prevent children's access to the contents under the sink.

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2019

Recited on 5/23/2019

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2018

Corrected on 5/23/2019

.25(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The nails have been removed.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that in classroom B there were four unused electrical outlets that were not covered as required to ensure that they are inaccessible to children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to check outlets and replace protective caps when needed and identify and monitor how outlets in use are inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2019

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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 on the older playground the fence section to the right of the school age building had a gap at the bottom of the fence measuring five feet wide and six inches tall. Additionally, the prongs at the bottom of the fencing had turned upwards and were pointed upwards facing the interior of the playground area presenting a potential hazard.

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: 5/23/2019

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

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2018

Corrected on 5/23/2019

.15(2)(a) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. No infants were propped to be fed.

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2018

Corrected on 5/23/2019

.15(5) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The weekly menu was observed to be posted.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation that in classroom C there was a four-year-old child with three necklaces on presenting a potential strangulation hazard to the child wearing the necklace.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2019

Recited on 5/23/2019

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(2) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that renovate existing plumbing facilities, to have a hand washing sink with running heated water located adjacent to the diapering area. Flush sinks shall not be used for hand washing. Cleansing procedures in other facilities shall be approved by the Department. It was determined based on observation that in classroom B the teacher did not use the adjacent sink to wash the children's hands after diapering. The teacher was observed to take the child into the bathroom across the room to wash the child's hands. The teacher stated that the soap was in the bathroom. The consultant observed the adjacent sink to have running water.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that a hand washing sink is located adjacent to each diapering area, that flush sinks are not used for handwashing, and that the department has approved cleansing procedures in other facilities, if applicable.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that in classroom B after a diaper change the diaper changing surface was not cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2019

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that in classroom B two children upon arrival and before going into to play areas did not wash their hands as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2019

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that in classroom B a staff member did not wash their hands after diapering a child.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2019

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

Met

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)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2018

Corrected on 5/23/2019

.30(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. There was nothing in the crib with the sleeping infant.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 10

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 10/18/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 10/03/2011	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 10/03/2011	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 10/03/2011	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 10/18/2018	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 09/10/2018	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 10/23/2018	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 02/07/2019	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 02/04/2019	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 09/03/2016	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 10

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

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2018

Corrected on 5/23/2019

.09(1)(c) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All staff had a satisfactory comprehensive record check letter on file.

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**

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2018

Corrected on 5/23/2019

.32(2) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Appropriate ratios were observed.

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

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.