



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/2/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:50 AM **Departure:** 12:50 PM

CCLC-37121

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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.
09/02/2022	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/26/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
06/21/2022	Complaint Investigation & 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
Main	Room 10-J (4 Yrs)	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room 11-K (School Age)	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Room 12- L (School Age)		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 13-M (School Age)		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room 1-A (6 wks-12 Mos)	Infants	2	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Main	Room 2-B (6 wks-12 Mos)	Infants	2	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Main	Room 3-C (1 Yrs.)	One Year Olds	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room 4-D (2 Yrs)	One Year Olds	1	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room 5-E (3 Yrs)	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room 6-F (3 Yrs)	Three Year Olds	2	20	C	22	C	31	C	Centers
Main	Room 7-G (3-4 Yrs)	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room 8-H (3-4 Yrs)	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room 9-I (4 Yrs-PreK)	Four Year Olds	1	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 194			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 203							
Total # Children this Date: 122			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 203							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A (6 Wks-4 Yrs)	92	C
Main	Playground B (3 Yrs & Up)	197	C

Comments

An in person inspection was completed on this date of September 2, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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/Regulations.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)

Kylie Layton, Program Official

Date

Debrik Perry, Consultant

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation that Room 6 had a kitchen cabinet that was missing a silver door knob. It was further determined that Room 9 had two broken toy bins.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 9/2/2022

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 routinely met by center.

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

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that the wood chips on Playground B is redistributed.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Met**

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2022

Corrected on 9/2/2022

Previous citation corrected. There children were not observed to have any pacifiers attached to their clothes.

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met**

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2022

Corrected on 9/2/2022

Previous citation corrected. No children were observed to have been placed on their backs to sleep. There were no additional objects observed in the infant cribs.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 27

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Staff # 2

Met

Staff # 3

Met

Records Reviewed: 27**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 08/15/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 5	Met
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 08/17/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14	Met
Staff # 15	Met
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Staff # 18	Met
Staff # 19	Met
Date of Hire: 07/06/2022	
Staff # 20	Met
Staff # 21	Met
Staff # 22	Met
Staff # 23	Met
Date of Hire: 05/15/2019	
Staff # 24	Met
Staff # 25	Met

Records Reviewed: 27

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 26

Met

Date of Hire: 06/21/2016

Staff # 27

Met

Date of Hire: 08/19/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided files for six employees hired since last visit on September 20, 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.