



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/22/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 1:30 PM **Departure:** 2:40 PM

CCLC-38329

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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.
03/22/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/01/2021	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/14/2021	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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	A-Afterschool	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B-2/3 half day	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C-1K	One Year Olds	1	1	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D-Crawlers	Infants	2	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E-Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F-4K		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G-2K	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	H-3K	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	16	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 104

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request

Total # Children this Date: 56

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 104

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Infant/Toddler	20	C
Main	B-School Age	31	C
Main	C-3K/4K	31	C

Comments

The consultant completed an in person Monitoring Visit. The center director stated there is a total of 15 staff with 2 of the 15 being new hires since the consultant's last visit. The center director stated no medication is administered, no field trips or routine transportation is provided. The consultant request documents to be uploaded in Koala by close of business, Tuesday, March 29, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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)

Lori Ann Lane, Program Official

Date

Connie Boatright, 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)

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.

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.

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 the top rail of the fencing was loose in several places which should be secured.

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: 3/22/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were present:

Right Playground:

- The red caboose tunnel is chipping paint.
- Two "s" chains and two brackets is rusting on the red bucket swing.

Left Playground:

- The blue triangle tarp is ripped and loose.
- The large yellow and blue gym set is chipping paint.

Back Playground:

- Six of six swing chains and six of six "s" hooks are rusting.
- The blue barrel on the train is chipping paint.
- Five of five red tricycles are chipping paint.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2022

Food Service

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

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk
5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk
2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://decal.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.18(5) - The center director will ensure that Freezer temperature shall be maintained at zero (0) degrees Fahrenheit or below.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Correction Deadline: 9/1/2021

Corrected on 3/22/2022

.07(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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 stated proper knowledge of handwashing.

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

Comment

The center director stated no medication is administered.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Comment

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

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

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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) **Technical Assistance**

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)3 - The center director will ensure each child have a sheet on their cot / mat which is labeled for individual use.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2022

Records Reviewed: 15**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Date of Hire: 06/22/2021	Met
Staff # 2 Date of Hire: 06/18/2020	Met
Staff # 3 Date of Hire: 05/24/2021	Met
Staff # 4 Date of Hire: 06/22/2021	Met
Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 01/31/2022	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 04/13/2021	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 02/26/2020	Met
Staff # 8 Date of Hire: 01/01/2015	Met
Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 04/06/2021	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 02/28/2022	Met <u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 09/08/2021	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 09/08/2021	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 08/14/2019	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 09/13/2019	Met

Staff # 15

Met

Date of Hire: 01/07/2019

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 10

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 3 file(s) for employees hired 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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20;and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation, child head count and the teachers statement that 7 three-year-old children and 9 four-year-old children were present in classroom H with one staff where two staff are required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2022

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.