



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/7/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:45 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

CCLC-419

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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.
03/07/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/31/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/16/2017	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	1 (A)	Four Year Olds	1	5	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	2 (B) Library		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 38			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 5			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	56	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to follow up on visit from August 31, 2017 and to conduct a Monitoring Visit. Consultant discussed Quality Rated, Comprehensive Background Check, update in USDA guidelines, update of the existing Emergency Preparedness Plan to include all required topics, conducting lockdown drills every six months in addition to fire drills and tornado drills, changes in Provider Search and new features in the provider's Koala account.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/07/2018

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

Brenda Stokes, Program Official

Date

Neli Todorova, 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

Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(1) -Discussed with the director that In order for the childrens' files to be complete, the files shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, mental retardation or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2018

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2017

Corrected on 3/7/2018

.08(1)(b) - Previous citation corrected on this date as consultant observed complete documentation.

Evening Care

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)**N/A****Comment**

No evening care hours provided

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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Correction Deadline: 8/31/2017****Corrected on 3/7/2018****.26(4) - Previous citation corrected on this date as consultant observed that there were no openings and gaps on the outside fence.****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - Discussed to monitor the inside chain link fence on the left side of the play area for rust and repair.replace as needed.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2018**Correction Deadline: 9/11/2017****Corrected on 3/7/2018****.26(8) - Previous citation corrected on this date as consultant measured at least six inches of resilient surface in the fall zones of the swings and climbing equipment.****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please keep the playground area free of sweet gum and plants with thorns on the fence. The school currently has six children enrolled and they are using a very small portion of the play area.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2018

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**N/A****Comment**

There were no children in diapers enrolled in the program on this date.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The director reported no medication since last visit and on this date.

Safety

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

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

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	N/A
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Comment

No children in cribs enrolled.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 2

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 1

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/09/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff # 2

Not Met

Date of Hire: 08/09/2017

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.33(3)-Health & Safety Certificate

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 8/31/2017

Corrected on 3/7/2018

.09(1)(a) - Previous citation corrected on this date as consultant observed satisfactory background clearance letter for staff.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR	Met
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Correction Deadline: 9/30/2017

Corrected on 3/7/2018

.14(2) - Previous citation corrected on this date as consultant observed evidence of current CPR/First aid training for the director and all staff.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety training at the time of employment that will count toward required annual training: Staff employed prior to September 30, 2016 will complete the training by December 29, 2016 and Staff employed after September 30, 2016 will complete the health and safety training within the first 90 days of employment. It was determined based on review of records that two of two staff did not have evidence of the Health and Safety training on file. Consultant provided the flyer for free training from PennState.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates.

Correction Deadline: 4/6/2018

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Comment

Observed staff comply 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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.