



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/23/2018 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-48638

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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.
07/23/2018	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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.

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/1L- 6wks-12mths		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Main	B/2L- 6wks - 12 months		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Main	G/2R-3 to 6 years old		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	H/1R- 1's and 2's		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 36			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 36			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A/Left- 6wks - 2 years	41	C
Main	Playground B/ Back- 3 and up	113	C
Main	Playground C/Right - 1's and 2's	122	C

Comments

Permissin to Operate was issued on this date. Facility does carry liability insurance. Consultant discussed QR with provider on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/23/2018

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).



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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@decalkoala.com.

- 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://decalkoala.com/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 1/2 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)



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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.

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Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decalkoala.com

Shireen Ali, Program Official

Date

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured.

Finding

591-1-1-.12(6) requires that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area. It was determined based on consultant's observation that classrooms A, B, and H lacked a variety of activities.

Classroom A: missing language, music, and dramatic play

Classroom B: missing language, music, and dramatic play

Classroom H: missing music and dramatic play

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center director will add language, music, and dramatic play items to each classroom.

Correction Deadline: 8/22/2018

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

The facility has a limited capacity of thirty-six (36) children due to the amount of equipment available.

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

Not Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the screws were protruding more than two threads at the base of the toilets in classrooms C, D, E, F, G, and H.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will cut down the screws to two threads and cap off the screws at the base of the toilets. .

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2018

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - Please be mindful to cover outlets when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2018

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 consultant observation that ten (10) bolts protruding more than two (2) threads around the connecting gates from playground A to B, as well as playground B to C.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will cut down the protruding bolts to two (2) threads, sand and smooth off the rough edges.

Correction Deadline: 8/17/2018

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the resilient surface on playground B measured three and a half (3-1/2) inches when six (6) inches is required around the slides and tire swing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add mulch to measure six (6) inches around the slides and tire swing on playground B.

Correction Deadline: 8/17/2018

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on consultant's observation that vegetation was growing through the fence on playgrounds A and B.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove all vegetation growing through the fence on playgrounds A and B.

Correction Deadline: 7/23/2018

Health and Hygiene

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**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. The center's discipline policy was reviewed on this date. Regulations regarding proper discipline were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation. Consultant discussed transportation requirements if/when the facility decides to incorporate transportation. The center will contact their regional consultant and complete the required two (2) hour transportation training prior to transporting children.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Twelve (12) of twelve (12) cribs were present meeting CPSC guidelines as they were manufactured in 2017.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on consultant's observation that the crib mattresses measured one and a half (1-1/2) inches when two (2) inches is required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will order two (2) inch mattresses for all cribs.

Correction Deadline: 7/31/2018

Staff Records**Records Reviewed: 3****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 07/31/2018

Staff # 2

Met

Date of Hire: 07/23/2018

Staff # 3

Met

Date of Hire: 07/23/2018

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. Three (3) of three (3) staff records were observed to have satisfactory clearance letters 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****Comment**

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

A supervision plan was created on this date for classroom H due to the diaper changing table facing the wall. A supervision plan was also created on this date for playgrounds B and C due to the shape of the playgrounds wrapping around the building.