



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/9/2018 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 12:15 PM

CCLC-582

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
08/09/2018	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
03/21/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing
11/21/2017	POI Follow Up	Good Standing

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.

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 1	Rm 1- L Middle	One Year Olds	2	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Story
Bld 1	Rm 2 - entrance	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Art
Bld 1	Rm 3 - L middle	Infants	2	11	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding, Nap
Bld 1	Rm 4-R middle	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	8	C	11	C	Outside
Bld 1	Rm 5-R end	Three Year Olds	2	20	C	20	C	28	C	Transitioning, Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 66						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 106				
Bld 2	Pre-K	PreK	2	12	C	21	C	30	C	Centers
Bld 2	Pre-K	PreK	2	17	C	19	C	27	C	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 40						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 106				
Total # Children this Date: 88			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 106			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 106				


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

The purpose of today's visit is a monitoring visit and a follow up for any previous rule citations. This is the first visit of the fiscal year. The center does not provide transportation and does not dispense medication. Four new employee files were reviewed during the visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/09/2018

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.
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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@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	

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Dianne Stith, Program Official	Date	Beth Houtz, 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)

Technical Assistance

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - The consultant observed a white shelf in the three-year old room to have chipping paint on the top of the shelf. The center will cover or repaint the shelf to ensure it does not become a hazard to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 8/9/2018

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

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2018

Corrected on 8/9/2018

.19(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All classrooms were within the room capacity limits.

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2018

Corrected on 8/9/2018

.25(13) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The wall has been repainted and repaired.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - The consultant observed the lock on the storage closet in the one-year-old classroom to have a broken lock. The door was closed and staff stored items on high shelves inside the closet. The consultant discussed with the Director about having the lock repaired or adding a child proof door knob cover to ensure children do not open the storage closet door.

Correction Deadline: 8/9/2018

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2018

Corrected on 8/9/2018

.26(4) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The center has installed a new five foot fence around the all the playgrounds and buildings.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - The consultant observed one of the five red tricycles on the circle in the Pre-K playground to be missing a pedal. The consultant also observed an area on the blue roof playhouse on the one-year-old playground to have a small hole by the window. the Director will replace or repair the equipment.

Correction Deadline: 8/19/2018

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2018

Corrected on 8/9/2018

.17(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The consultant observed children to wash their hands throughout the center.

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

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant’s back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician’s written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant’s back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer’s guidelines and will not slide up around the infant’s face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician’s written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation that an infant asleep in a crib had a stuffed animal attached to their pacifier.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 8/9/2018

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 21

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 06/07/2018	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 01/23/2012	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 03/08/2004	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 07/18/2018	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 08/28/2017	
Staff # 6	Met
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 08/03/2015	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 01/05/1991	

Records Reviewed: 21

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 9 Date of Hire: 01/17/2018	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 08/01/2014	Met
Staff # 11 Date of Hire: 09/07/2012	Met
Staff # 12 Date of Hire: 07/09/2018	Met
Staff # 13 Date of Hire: 06/24/2002	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 01/04/2013	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 05/06/2014	Met
Staff # 16 Date of Hire: 01/12/2013	Met
Staff # 17 Date of Hire: 07/30/2018	Met
Staff # 18 Date of Hire: 07/15/2013	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 07/24/2015	Met
Staff # 20 Date of Hire: 03/01/1991	Met
Staff # 21 Date of Hire: 11/11/2014	Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 21

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Met

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided four 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)

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

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