



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

Date: 3/20/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:20 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-38278

Childcare Network #254

106 Westside Blvd Pooler, GA 31322 Chatham County
 (706) 256-5475 cni254@childcarenetwork.com

Regional Consultant

Sarah Benton

Phone: (770) 357-5103

Fax: (770) 357-5105

sarah.benton@decal.ga.gov

Mailing Address

Same

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.
03/20/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/08/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
08/05/2022	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	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	
Building II	L1(Young Toddlers)		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Building II	L2(Infant 3)	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Building II	L3(Three year olds)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning	
Building II	L4(Three year olds)		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Building II	L5(Pre-K)	Four Year Olds	2	13	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning	
Building II	R1(Infant 1)		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Building II	R2(Infant 2)		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	
Building II	R3(Toddlers1)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap	
Building II	R4(Toddlers 2)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning	
Building II	R5(Afterschool)	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	8	C	25	C	NA	NA	Free Play	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			172	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			0				
Main	A		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use	

Main	B	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	C	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	D		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E		0	0	C	34	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	H		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 166						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 78						Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 338				
						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building II	Big Playground (Preschool)	147	C
Building II	Little Playground (Toddler)	25	C
Main	A	12	C
Main	B	28	C
Main	C	35	C
Main	D	27	C
Main	E	68	C

Comments

This is second regulatory visit of the fiscal year. Per staff, the center does not dispense medication, provide field trips or swimming. There was an issue with the visit report. The visit was reviewed with the director and a corrected copy will be emailed once corrected.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/20/2023

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.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.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

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)



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.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Marion Gould, Program Official

Date

Sarah Benton, Consultant

Date



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334**

Phone: (404) 657-5562 WWW.DECAL.GA.GOV

(Findings Report)

Date: 3/20/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:20 AM

Departure: 2:00 PM

CCLC-38278

Childcare Network #254

106 Westside Blvd Pooler, GA 31322 Chatham County
(706) 256-5475 cni254@childcarenetwork.com

Regional Consultant

Sarah Benton

Phone: (770) 357-5103

Fax: (770) 357-5105

sarah.benton@dec.al.ga.gov

Mailing Address

Same

The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(3) - Monitor the placement of the printer in Pre-K. It had been placed on top of the cubbie. Ensure the cubbies remain secure.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2023

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

N/A

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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25 - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children. Additionally, monitor any cords in rooms that were not in use on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 of the playgrounds, the red play house on the back playground was observed broken. The back wall was no longer attached at the bottom and could be pushed out posing a finger entrapment hazard.

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: 3/30/2023**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 a observations of the playgrounds, large ant beds were observed on three of the five playgrounds.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

591-1-1-.10 - Discussed diapering procedures with director.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17 - Discussed handwashing with staff.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.11 - Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022****Corrected on 3/20/2023**

.36(3)(a-b) - Observed evidence of training for two staff who are responsible for school transportation.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(6) requires written Parental authorization for routine transportation provided by or on behalf of the Center. Written authorization must include the routine pick-up location, routine pick-up time, routine delivery location, routine delivery times and the name of any person authorized to receive the child. It was determined based on the consultant's review of records that the center did not submit evidence of parental authorizations for 10 of 12 children transported during the last two weeks of routine school transportation.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the required written parental authorization.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2023

Recited on 3/20/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on the consultant's review of records that the center did not submit evidence of emergency medical records for 10 out of 12 children who were transported during the last two weeks of school transportation.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2023

Recited on 3/20/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

No SIDS hazards observed on this date.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete for 16 of 16 new staff since the last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR Met

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022

Corrected on 3/20/2023

.14(1)(a) - Observed missing CPR and First Aid training.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2022

Corrected on 3/20/2023

.14(2) - Staff have completed CPR and First Aid training or are no longer employed at the center.

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that the following ratios were observed during nap time.

In the Main B, a ratio of 1:11 during nap was observed. There were 10 one-year-olds and one (1) two-year-old. A ratio of 1:8 was observed.

In Building II, R3, a ratio of 1:14 was observed during nap time. There were seven (7) one-year-olds and seven (7) two-year-olds which required a ratio of 1:8.

In Building II, R4, a ratio of 1:12 was observed during nap time. There were five (5) two-year-olds and seven (7) three-year-olds which required a ratio of 1:10.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide adequate staff when there is a mixed-age group.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2023**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32(5) - 591-1-1-.32(5) requires that during day-time rest or sleeping periods, at least one Staff person is in each room providing direct supervision of the children and all Staff required by these rules relating to Staff: child ratios are in the Center and available to assure safe evacuation in an emergency. Staff: child ratios may be doubled for children three (3) years and older provided these requirements are met. Discussed this rule with the program director.

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2023

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.