



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/9/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:05 AM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

CCLC-339

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
03/09/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/01/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
06/23/2022	Complaint Closure	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
Gym	Back left		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Gym	Back Right		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Gym	Gym 1st Right		0	0	C	58	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Gym	Middle Back		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Gym	Upstairs		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 136					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Main	1st Left	One Year Olds	1	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	1st Right	Two Year Olds	9	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	2nd Bldg Front L		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	2nd Bldg front R		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	2nd Left	Infants	1	4	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Floor Play,Nap
Main	2nd Right	GA PreK	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3rd Left		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	3rd Right	GA PreK	2	8	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Middle Left	GA PreK	2	11	C	35	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 166					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 51			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 302			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				


Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A Right side	45	C
Main	PG B Right rear	51	C
Main	PG C	33	C

Comments

The purpose for today's visit was to conduct a Licesing Study. Technical assistance was provided in areas such as Childrens Records, Staff Records, Policies and Procedures, Safety, and Activities and Equipment. All questions were answered and a copy of the report was provided during the exit conference. A plan of correction is not due however, a One Day Letter was left at the center causing the Video Affidavit to be returned to the consultant by 3/14/2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/09/2023

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!

Beverly Knox, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(8) - Consultant discussed with provider to ensure that all equipment including but not limited to cribs be used in an age appropriate manner consistent with the height and age requirements suggested by the manufacturer.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2023

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

Met

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies daily.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that an approximately, twenty-five-foot (25ft) hose was laying across the walking path between the Main Middle Left Building and the gated swimming pool on this date. Additionally, in room, 1st Left, a broom and dust pan were observed in the bathroom and a mop was observed in the restroom of room, 2nd Right, accessible to children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2023

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2022

Corrected on 3/9/2023

.26(6) - Consultant observed 3 out of 3 chain links on the swings for playground B to be in good repair on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Consultant discussed with provider to spray paint all tree roots and rocks along the play area on Playground B a bright color to avoid a tripping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2023

Food Service

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(2) - Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure that a signed written feeding plan for children less than one (1) year of age is obtained from Parents and that instructions from the Parents should be updated regularly as new foods are added or other dietary changes are made. Additionally, the feeding plan must be posted in the child's assigned room and must include the child's feeding schedule, the amount of formula or breast milk to be given.

Correction Deadline: 3/9/2023

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

Proper hand washing observed 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

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

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) - Consultant discussed the following with the director and staff on this date:

Vehicle-1- Tag# RIR3767 rear passenger tire tread was observed to be low

Vehicle-2- Tag#RNC-CD464, first aid kit missing goggles, thermometer and scissors, Right passenger side tire balding

Completed and signed Annual vehicle inspection inspection check list attached to the inspection

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

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.

Correction Deadline: 9/1/2022

Corrected on 3/9/2023

.30(1)(a)3 - Consultant observed tight-fitting sheets on all cribs being actively used on this date.

Staff Records

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on observation and a review of records that staff had access to and supervised children without an approved Records Check Application to the Department on file as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on observation and a review of record that the center failed to ensure that staff obtained a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual supervised children in care,

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(g) requires the Center to maintain valid evidence of a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination at the Child Care Learning Center for the Director and each Employee (including Students-in-Training, Volunteers, independent contractors and residents age 17 and older) for the duration of employment or residency plus one year, and such electronic evidence must be made immediately available to the Department upon request. It was determined based on observation and a review of records that a staff identified as provisional or working at the center through a third party hiring agency supervised children without valid evidence of a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination at the Child Care Learning Center as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION -The Center will [] to maintain valid evidence of a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination for the Director and each Employee (including Students-in-Training, Volunteers, independent contractors and residents age 17 and older) for the duration of employment or residency plus one year, and such electronic evidence will be made immediately available to the Department upon request. The Center will [] to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2023

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

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

Met

Comment

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