



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/31/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:45 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-38373

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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. |
|------------------------------------|--|---------------|--|
| 01/31/2023 | Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | |
| 01/06/2023 | Complaint Closure | Good Standing | |
| 07/26/2022 | Complaint Investigation Follow Up | 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 | A - 1R | Three Year Olds | 2 | 9 | C | 20 | C | NA | NA | Centers |
| Main | B - 2R | Four Year Olds | 1 | 10 | C | 18 | C | NA | NA | Centers |
| Main | C - 3R | | 0 | 0 | C | 23 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| Main | D - 4R | | 0 | 0 | C | 21 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| Main | E - Rear | | 0 | 0 | C | 26 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| Main | F - 3L | | 0 | 0 | C | 14 | C | NA | NA | Not In Use |
| Main | G - 2L | One Year Olds | 2 | 5 | C | 14 | C | NA | NA | Nap |
| Main | H - 1L | Infants | 2 | 4 | C | 14 | C | NA | NA | Floor Play,Nap |

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 28

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main | A - Left | 24 | C |
| Main | B - Middle | 169 | C |
| Main | C - Right | 66 | C |

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and monitoring visit and to follow-up on the previous visit conducted on July 26, 2022.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.decals.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
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- 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 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decals.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Vanessa Persaud, Program Official

Date

Margarita Collier, Consultant

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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

Please ensure to monitor toys and equipment for normal wear and tear.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2022

Corrected on 1/31/2023

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed five of five children's files to be complete and well organized.

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 and monitor cabinet locks for normal wear and tear.

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2022**Corrected on 1/31/2023**

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed all screws on the side of each toilet throughout the center to be covered and inaccessible to the children. The consultant further observed all toilets throughout the restrooms to be clean and in working order.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure to monitor the playgrounds for the following hazardous items:

- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment and toys.
- Repluff resilient surface as needed.
- Standing water in and/or around playground equipment and/or toys.
- Biting and/or stinging insects (i.e., ants, bees, etc.).
- Loose and/or weak tree branches.
- Exposed tree roots.
- Normal wear and tear of playground fence.

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2022**Corrected on 1/31/2023**

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed A-Left playground, B-Middle playground, and C-Right playground to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

The diapering areas were observed to be clean and in good repair.

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

Staff stated the proper handwashing procedures for children and staff.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Evaluated****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.

Comment

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

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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.

Staff Records

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The consultant discussed the following criminal record check reminders with the director:

- 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.
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Comment

The director provided three files for staff members hired since the previous visit was conducted on July 26, 2022. The consultant observed three of three newly hired staff members to have evidence of a satisfactory comprehensive determination letter on file.

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

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Correction Deadline: 4/21/2022

Corrected on 1/31/2023

The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed one newly hired lead teacher to have evidence of a professional development plan on file.

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.