



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/15/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-24637

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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.
02/15/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
12/22/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
12/13/2022	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-1st Right-	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B-2nd rt- 0-12 mos	Infants	2	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Feeding, Flo or Play
Main	C- 1st Left -New- 2 y/o	One Year Olds	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D-3rd right- 3 y/o	Three Year Olds	2	5	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	E-4th Right- 4 y/o	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	24	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	F-3rd Left- End- 5+		0	0	C	33	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G- Pre-K	Four Year Olds	2	11	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	H-new room	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	9	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 148						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 60			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 148			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-6wks-3 years	28	C
Main	B 3-12 years	95	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring visit and to follow up on any previous citations from the visit that was conducted on August 30, 2022.

Consultant left contact information.

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

Vernancy Asghar, Program Official

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)

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/23/2022

Corrected on 2/15/2023

Previous citation corrected. Consultant observed Room A did not have any torn blocks. Room C did not have a brown vinyl chair in the classroom. Room E has a new vinyl couch. Room H did not have a brown vinyl couch or a blue chair. All rooms had new vinyl couches that are age appropriate.

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

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/13/2022

Corrected on 2/15/2023

It was determined based upon observation that room A did not have a staff purse, broom, or dust pan in an unlocked closet. No scissors, Energizer "C" batteries or a roll of white out was not found in an unlocked drawer. No gloves, a trash bag, alcohol prep pads, Antiseptic Towelettes, four packs of Medique, Diphen tablets, two packs of Non Asprin tablets, and a pack of burn gel was not in an unlocked drawer under the diaper changing table. A toilet brush was not found in the bathroom.

in room D a broom and dust pan was not in the corner by the toy shelf. Pampers Sensitive baby wipes, one pack of Papers baby wipes, one pack of Pinkfrog Bay Shark baby wipes, and a pack of Parents Choice Sensitive baby wipes were not found in children's cubbies.

In room F a box of gloves, a container of Equate Petroleum Jelly, and a bottle of Ultra Defense Sanitariums and Sanitizer was not found on a low shelf.

In room H two packs of Babysoft baby wipes and a container of Equate Petroleum Jelly was not found in a child's cubby.

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

Correction Deadline: 12/13/2022

Corrected on 2/15/2023

Previous citation corrected . Consultant observed that there were no potential entrapment hazards on the large playground and there was no gaps at the bottom of the wooden fence on the left side. Consultant observed that there was no three inch by seven inch hole in the wooden fence on the left side. Consultant observed that the back wooden fence on the small playground was not leaning into the playground on the left and right side.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children as of January 24, 2023.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete for all staff present on this date.

Comment

Director provided two files for employees hired since last visit on August 30, 2022.

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.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.