



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Cover Sheet

Date: 11/1/2022 **VisitType:** LS POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:30 AM **Departure:** 2:35 PM

CCLC-27454

The Learning Station

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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.
11/01/2022	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
08/22/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
07/11/2022	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
2nd Building	A		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	Not In Use
2nd Building	B	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	16	C	22	C	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 29			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 29							
Main	1st Left	PreK	2	11	C	19	C	26	C	Art,Centers
Main	1st Right	PreK	2	17	C	21	C	29	C	Outside
Main	2nd Left	Infants	1	4	C	5	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap,Feeding
Main	2nd Right	One Year Olds	2	8	C	9	C	NA	NA	Art,Centers
Main	3rd Left	One Year Olds	2	9	C	9	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	3rd Right	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Back Classroom	Two Year Olds	2	19	C	21	C	29	C	Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 114			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 29		Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations					
Total # Children this Date: 91			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 143		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 29					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back middle	85	C
Main	Playground	46	C
Main	Toddler	16	C

Comments

The purpose for today's visit was to conduct a licensing study. All questions were answered during the visit and technical assistance was provided. The center was provided a copy of the report during the exit conference.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed 01/01/0001

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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



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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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)

Sharona Fountain, Program Official

Date

Twantaye Compton, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a LS POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities at this time.

Evening Care

591-1-1.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

No evening care hours provided at this time.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The vents in each bathroom should be free from dust. The vents in bathrooms should be free from rust. Please ensure that all bathrooms have working vents that are free from dust.

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 a bottle of hand sanitizer was accessible to children in a classroom in the Main Building 1st Left. Additionally, there was disinfecting wipes inside of child's book bag in the 1st right classroom on this date.

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: 11/1/2022

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.,

Health and Hygiene

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication at this time.

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined based on a review of records on November 1, 2022, the center failed to ensure that each staff person responsible for transportation of children obtain two hours of state approved transportation training. The records provided on file were for training received in 2018. The director acknowledged that training should be completed biannually for staff providing transportation.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Director, Center Staff, and any person responsible for the transportation of children has completed the required transportation training.

Correction Deadline: 11/11/2022**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed on this date.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 68**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 1 Met

Staff # 2 Met

Staff # 3 Met

Staff # 4 Met

Staff # 5 Met

Date of Hire: 09/01/2022

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90
calendar days of hired

Staff # 6 Met

Staff # 7 Met

Staff # 8 Met

Staff # 9 Met

Staff # 10 Met

Staff # 11 Met

Date of Hire: 07/11/2022

Staff # 12 Met

Staff # 13 Met

Staff # 14 Met

Staff # 15 Met

Date of Hire: 05/20/2017

Staff # 16 Met

Staff # 17 Met

Date of Hire: 07/11/2021

Staff # 18 Met

Staff # 19 Met

Date of Hire: 05/07/2022

Staff # 20	Met
Staff # 21	Met
Date of Hire: 11/28/2018	
Staff # 22	Met
Date of Hire: 12/08/2008	
Staff # 23	Met
Staff # 24	Met
Date of Hire: 09/07/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 25	Met
Staff # 26	Met
Date of Hire: 08/23/2022	<u>Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired</u>
Staff # 27	Met
Staff # 28	Met
Date of Hire: 07/11/2022	
Staff # 29	Met
Staff # 30	Met
Staff # 31	Met
Staff # 32	Met
Date of Hire: 12/11/2015	
Staff # 33	Met
Staff # 34	Met
Staff # 35	Met
Staff # 36	Met
Date of Hire: 04/29/2021	
Staff # 37	Met
Staff # 38	Met
Staff # 39	Met

Date of Hire: 08/04/2020

Staff # 40 Met

Date of Hire: 08/04/2020

Staff # 41 Met

Staff # 42 Met

Staff # 43 Met

Staff # 44 Met

Staff # 45 Met

Staff # 46 Met

Staff # 47 Met

Staff # 48 Met

Date of Hire: 12/15/2021

Staff # 49 Met

Staff # 50 Met

Staff # 51 Met

Date of Hire: 10/14/2016

Staff # 52 Met

Date of Hire: 09/24/2021

Staff # 53 Met

Date of Hire: 07/20/2022

Staff # 54 Met

Staff # 55 Met

Staff # 56 Met

Staff # 57 Met

Date of Hire: 08/11/2021

Staff # 58 Met

Staff # 59 Met

Staff # 60 Met

Records Reviewed: 68

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Date of Hire: 07/11/2022

Staff # 61 Met

Staff # 62 Met

Date of Hire: 10/13/2016

Staff # 63 Met

Date of Hire: 09/02/2016

Staff # 64 Met

Date of Hire: 09/07/2021

Staff # 65 Met

Staff # 66 Met

Date of Hire: 09/02/2016

Staff # 67 Met

Date of Hire: 07/10/2021

Staff # 68 Met

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 3

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

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

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

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 on this date.