



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/16/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:45 AM Departure: 3:40 PM

CCLC-3361

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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.
12/16/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/19/2024	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
11/21/2023	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
Main	101	Two Year Olds	3	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	102	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	103	Four Year Olds	1	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	104	Two Year Olds	1	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	106	Two Year Olds	1	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	110	Infants	2	8	C	12	C	17	C	Floor Play
Main	112	Infants	3	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	114	Infants and One Year Olds	3	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	115	Three Year Olds	1	11	NC	12	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	116		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	117	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	118	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	119	One Year Olds	3	10	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	120	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Main:101	Two Year Olds	3	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 225					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 230					
Total # Children this Date: 138					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 230					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Front	25	C
Main	REAR	72	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
14	30	29	36	16	0	5

Comments

A Licensing Study was conducted on December 16, 2024. Background checks, children and staff files were reviewed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/16/2024

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.al.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!



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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.08(1) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program.

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2024

Facility

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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 the following hazards were observed:

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- Diaper wipes stored on the cubby accessible to children in care.

Hallway cabinets

- A plastic grocery bag, a roll of garbage bags and a lighter were stored in cabinets drawers.

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: 12/16/2024

Recited on 12/16/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(17) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that the Center premises be free of plants and shrubs which are poisonous or hazardous.

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - The consultant discussed with the director that all protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2024

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2023

Corrected on 12/16/2024

.26(4) - Previous citation corrected in that new fencing was installed on the side of the rear playground.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) The Consultant discussed with the Director that the 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.

Please ensure that the rubber mats are flushed with the resilient surface, to prevent tripping hazards.

Correction Deadline: 12/26/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on measurement there was one to two inches of wood chips of measurable wood chips in the back and side of the large climbing structure, three to six inches were required. There was one inch of measurable wood chips in the front area of the climbing structure, three inches were required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 12/26/2024

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

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

591-1-1-.10(4) - The Consultant discussed that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel.

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2024

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2023

Corrected on 12/16/2024

.20(3) - previous citation corrected in that the medication dispensing forms were on file on this date.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices****Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

Met

Comment

Director provided [] file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Met

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Met

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

Correction Deadline: 12/21/2023

Corrected on 12/16/2024

.33(4) -previous citation corrected in that staff # 10, staff # 20, and staff # 64 obtained the four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/21/2023

Corrected on 12/16/2024

.31(2)(b)2. - Previous citation corrected in that staff # 73 obtained the minimum academic requirements.

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.