



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/9/2024

VisitType: Complaint Investigation &
Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:45 AM

Departure: 1:00 PM

CCLC-49701

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Same

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.
09/09/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
09/09/2024	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/03/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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
Main	A- 12mths - 35 mths	One Year Olds	2	16	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers,Breakfast
Main	B-12 mths- 35mths	One Year Olds	2	7	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	C-6wks-12mths	Infants	2	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D/3-5 yrs	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	20	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E/3-5 yr olds	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	27	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F- 6 - 9 yrs old	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	22	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G upstairs	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	10	NC	NA	NA	Centers
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 100			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 128			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- 6wks- 35 mths	20	C
Main	B- 3-9 yr olds	47	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
3	22	24	33	15	0	9

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to a Monitoring Visit and Follow up visit.

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.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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(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

Comment

Consultant observed a variety of equipment and toys throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

Consultant observed 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

Comment

Consultant observed center appears clean and well maintained.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation there were vines growing on the fence of the Preschool playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Consultant observed staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures. Consultant observed windows can be opened for ventilation.

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

Consultant observed proper hand washing throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met**

Correction Deadline: 11/10/2023

Corrected on 9/9/2024

.21(3) - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant observed documentation to be updated and completed on fire drills, lock down, and tornado drills with the last six months.

Safety

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

Consultant observed staff to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Consultant observed center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Consultant discussed with staff SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

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

Consultant reviewed criminal record checks to be complete.

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

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2023

Corrected on 9/9/2024

.14(2) - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant reviewed staff records to have completed First aid and CPR on this date.

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records**Met**

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2023

Corrected on 9/9/2024

.24(1) - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant reviewed records for staff # 10 to be completed. Consultant reviewed records that staff #7 and #32 are no longer employed at the center.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2023

Corrected on 9/9/2024

.33(4) - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant reviewed #21 to have four clock hours of training in food nutrition. Consultant observed that #22 is no longer employed with the center.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2023

Corrected on 9/9/2024

.33(5) - Previous citation corrected on this date. Consultant reviewed staff records to have (10) hours of annual training.

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed staff to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

Consultant observed center to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed adequate supervision on this date.