



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/16/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:30 AM **Departure:** 11:45 AM

CCLC-55247

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Quality Rated: No

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.
10/16/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/21/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
08/17/2022	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	A-Infant	Infants	2	10	C	12	C	16	C	Nap,Feeding,Free Play,Breakfast
Main	B-Three's	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	10	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play
Main	C-Back-2's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	9	C	9	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 31					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 35					
Total # Children this Date: 28					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 35					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	25	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
8	14	9	0	0	0	0

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

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

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.state.ga.us 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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Corrected on 10/16/2024

.03(6) - Correction of previous citation in that children less than three years of age were observed not to be confined to equipment for more than thirty minutes on this date.

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Corrected on 10/16/2024

.12(2) - Correction of previous citation in that equipment and furniture were observed to be free from hazards on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Corrected on 10/16/2024

.19(1) - Correction of previous citation in that licensed capacity requirements were met on this date.

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Corrected on 10/16/2024

.25(13) - Correction of previous citation in that there were no hazards accessible to children on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed on this date:

Main A – Infants

- Chipping paint was observed on the front right side of the door frame.

Main B – Threes

- Chipping paint was observed on the bottom left side of the classroom wall.
- The window used for ventilation next to the diaper changing table had large tears on the bottom right and left corners.
- Discolored ceiling tiles were observed above the children's cubbies.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 11/29/2024

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that 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. It was determined based on observation that the following playground equipment hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Main Playground

- The teal and green see-saw had one handlebar with sharp and protruding ends which caused a scratching hazard.
- The grey and red stationary equipment had a large and exposed opening on the back side of the equipment with rough edges which caused a scratching hazard.
- A green wooden chair had rough, splintered, and deteriorated wood which caused potential splinter hazards.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 11/1/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that cracked siding located on the right and left sides of the Center's building that was accessible to children on the playground was repaired or replaced on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/16/2024

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2023

Corrected on 10/16/2024

.15(2) - Correction of previous citation in that up to date Infant Feeding Plans were reviewed on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Corrected on 10/16/2024

.10(1) - Correction of previous citation in that windows within diapering classrooms were observed to be used for ventilation during diaper changes on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Corrected on 10/16/2024

.10(4) - Correction of previous citation in that diaper changing surfaces were observed to be smooth and nonporous on this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Corrected on 10/16/2024

.17(7) - Correction of previous citation in that children were observed to wash their hands with liquid hand soap and warm running water after coming inside from outside play on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Corrected on 10/16/2024

.17(8) - Correction of previous citation in that staff were observed to wash their hands with liquid hand soap and warm running water after completing each diaper change on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Corrected on 10/16/2024

.30(1)(a) - Correction of previous citation in that there were individual safety-approved cribs provided for each infant on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2023

Corrected on 10/16/2024

.30(1)(a)3 - Correction of previous citation in that all crib sheets were observed to be tight-fitting on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Corrected on 10/16/2024

.30(2)(c) - Correction of previous citation in that infants who were asleep were observed to be in safety-approved cribs on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that cots that were stored upright in classroom Main B and classroom Main C were secured in order to prevent tipping hazards on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/16/2024

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

Correction Deadline: 9/21/2023

Corrected on 10/16/2024

.09(1)(j) - Correction of previous citation in that after a review of records, staff members who required portability were ported electronically as required by the Department on this date.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(3) - The Consultant discussed the differences between Health and Safety Orientation training versus ten hours of annual training on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2024

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.