



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/22/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:30 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

CCLC-157

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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.
02/22/2024	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/14/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/08/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	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	1st Right Rear		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Main	1st Left Rear	GA PreK	2	18	C	32	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	2nd Left Rear	One Year Olds	2	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	2nd Right Rear	Infants	1	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap,Feeding
Main	3rd Left Rear	Three Year Olds	1	15	C	34	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Front Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Front Right	Four Year Olds	2	11	C	31	C	NA	NA	Centers
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 174			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 72		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 174			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- Back Right Playground	126	C
Main	PG- Front Playground	105	C
Main	PG- Infant Playground	10	C
Main	PG- Left Playground	84	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 02/22/2024

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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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/14/2023

Corrected on 2/22/2024

.12(3) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed that equipment and furniture be placed so as to permit the children's freedom of movement and to minimize danger of accident and collision.

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

N/A

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)

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 upon observation that the following hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Front Right Classroom

- A mop was in the bathroom.
- Three brooms and one dust pan were in an unlocked closet in the bathroom.

Third Left Rear Classroom

- A plunger was on the sink in the bathroom.

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: 2/22/2024

Recited on 2/22/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.25(17) requires that the Center premises be free of plants and shrubs which are poisonous or hazardous. It was determined based upon observation that a Holly Bush was growing through the chain link fence at the front of the right side fencing on the PG-Back Right Playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The harmful item will be removed.

Correction Deadline: 3/29/2024

Recited on 2/22/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based upon observation that the following fencing hazards were present on this date:

PG- Left Playground

- The fencing on the back left side was bent at the top rail.
- The middle of the left side fence top pole was rusted.
- The chain link fencing on the left side was rusted.

PG- Back Right Playground

- The chain link fencing was detached from the top pole in the middle section of the back fence.
- There was a ten inch by three inch gap from the ground to the fence at the middle of the right side fence.

PG-Front Playground

- The front chain link fence measured three feet and five and one half inches when four feet was required.
- The top pole was rusted at the middle of the front fence.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 4/19/2024

Recited on 2/22/2024

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 upon observation that the following playground equipment hazards were accessible to children on this date:

PG- Left Playground

- The wooden play structure on the Left Playground had slats of wood with splintered wood causing splinters.
- Two yellow steering wheels on the wooden play structure had chipping paint.
- The black barrier around the yellow wooden play structure was cracked at the front right side.
- The black barrier around the swings were cracked.
- Eight out of Eight swing chains had peeling paint.

PG-Back Right Playground

- There were two bolts protruding from the black barrier surrounding the green swing set.
- Six out of eight swing chains were rusted.
- Three out of four swings had rusted hardware on the seats.
- The green swing set had chipping paint.
- The green wheel at the play structure had chipping paint.
- There was one nail protruding at the black barrier around the play structure.
- The green helicopter had rust and chipping paint.

PG-Front Playground

- There were three protruding nails at the black barrier surrounding the sand box.
- The coating to the beige and green play structure was peeling and rusted at the steps and each platform.

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: 4/19/2024

Recited on 2/22/2024

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 upon observation that the following hazards were accessible to children on this date:

PG- Left Playground

- A green hose on the wall across from the 3rd Left Rear exterior door was laying on the ground unsecured.
- Tree roots causing potential tripping hazards were located on the back left side of the playground.

PG- Back Right Playground

- Large rocks located in the middle of the playground posed a tripping hazard.
- Tree roots causing potential tripping hazards were located on the back of the playground.

PG- Front Playground

- Tree roots causing potential tripping hazards were located on the middle of the 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: 3/15/2024

Recited on 2/22/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

	Staffing and Supervision
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591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)	Met
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Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.