



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/1/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:40 AM **Departure:** 2:40 PM

CCLC-51765

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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.
11/01/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/11/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
07/06/2023	Complaint 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	Rm A: 1L - Infants	Infants	1	5	C	7	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Rm B : 1R -Infants	Infants	1	2	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Rm C : 2L - 1 yr olds	One Year Olds	2	9	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Rm D : 3L-Toddlers	One Year Olds	2	10	C	10	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Rm E: 4L-3 yr olds		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm F: 5L - School age	Four Year Olds	2	12	C	26	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Rm G: 6L-School age		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm H: 6R-4 yr olds	Three Year Olds	3	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm I: 5R -4 yr olds		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm J:4R - 3-4 yr old	Two Year Olds	3	18	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm K: 3R- 3yr olds	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm L:2R - 2-3yr olds	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 222

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 96

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Infants	16	C
Main	B - School age	99	C
Main	C - Preschool	32	C

Comments

The purpose for today's visit was to conduct a Licensing Study. Technical Assistance was provided in the area of Facility. All questions were answered and a copy of the report was provided during the exit conference.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/01/2023

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:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. Chairs should only be stacked when children are asleep or not present in the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 11/1/2023

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

Met

Comment

Swimming rules discussed.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Discussed to keep exhaust vents free from dust and dirt.

Correction Deadline: 12/1/2023

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center.

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

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that all exhaust vents are free from dust at all times.

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

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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) **Met**

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

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.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.