



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/19/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 12:45 PM

CCLC-54206

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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.
09/19/2023	Monitoring Visit	Support	
01/19/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/17/2022	Monitoring Visit	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 Building	1L-Infant-2 years	Infants and One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	4	14	C	43	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Art,Story
Main Building	1R-3 year old-Twelve year old	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	55	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 98					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 27					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building	Playground	21	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 10/03/2023

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.decal.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@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Teliesha Wynn, Program Official

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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-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/19/2023

Corrected on 9/19/2023

.03(6) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant did not observe children in confining equipment for more than one-half hour consecutively.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(1) requires each Employee and child in attendance to use all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment in a safe and appropriate manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, recommendations, and intended use. All equipment and furniture shall be used only by the age-appropriate group of children. It was determined based upon observation that one infant was placed in a swing and not strapped in as required with the manufacturer's instructions.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that all equipment and televisions are secured.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2023

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(12) requires heating and cooling equipment to be protected to prevent children from touching it. Fans, space heaters, etc. shall be positioned or installed so as to be inaccessible to the children. It was determined based upon observation that there were two fans on the floor plugged in accessible to children in the 1R Classroom.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2023

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 observed accessible to children on this date:

1L:

-A staff purse was located on the floor by the rocking chair.

1R:

-A toilet brush was in the right bathroom.

-A bottle labeled Clorox with an unknown substance, a bottle of Clorox Toilet Bowl Cleaner, a bottle of Clorox Cleaner and Bleach, a bottle of Window Cleaning solution, a toilet brush, and a bottle of Softsoap Antibacterial Hand Soap were under the sink used for hand washing in the left bathroom.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2023

Recited on 9/19/2023

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(19) prohibits the use of unapproved areas for children's activity. It was determined based upon observation that the walk in closet on the left side in the 1L-Infant-2 years Classroom housed one staff member and four infants.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2023

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 1/19/2023

Corrected on 9/19/2023

.26(4) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant did not observe fence gaps on the Playground.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that fencing poles are connected to top rails throughout.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2023

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 barrier to the mat at the front left side of the Playground was broken and had an exposed nail. It was further determined that the Fisher Price picnic table was cracked at the top of the table. It was also determined that the orange chair on the playground was cracked on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2023

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 several sections of weed fabric were exposed, on the back right of the Playground, causing a potential tripping hazard. It was further determined that there was trash and overgrowth at the back right corner of the Playground.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2023

Recited on 9/19/2023

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 1/19/2023

Corrected on 9/19/2023

.15(2) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed infant feeding plans on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.15(4) requires that a feeding chair or similar equipment designed for feeding children shall be provided for the use of each child being fed who is capable of sitting up but who is unable to sit unassisted at a table and must be cleaned with a disinfectant after each use. Such chair or similar equipment shall have a broad base to prevent tipping, a surface that the child cannot raise, a strap or other device which prevents the child from sliding out of the chair, and a feeding surface free of cracks. It was determined based upon observation that a child in Classroom 1L-Infant-2 years was not strapped into the high chair on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2023

Recited on 9/19/2023

Correction Deadline: 1/19/2023

Corrected on 9/19/2023

.15(6)(a) -Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed children to eat morning snack during the visit.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/19/2023

Corrected on 9/19/2023

.07(5) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant did not observe pacifier straps attached to children on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/19/2023

Corrected on 9/19/2023

.17(10) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed potty chairs to be clean and in good repair on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/19/2023

Corrected on 9/19/2023

.11(1) - Correction of previous citation in that staff stated appropriate disciplinary actions.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Comment

Paperwork, checklist, permission forms, annual inspection form and proper check of the vehicle after transportation were discussed with the director.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based upon observation that three out of three crib sheets were not tight fitting on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2023

Recited on 9/19/2023

Correction Deadline: 1/19/2023

Corrected on 9/19/2023

.30(2) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant did not observe blankets in the crib with sleeping infants. The Consultant and Director did further discuss ensuring that staff do not place blankets in the cribs.

Staff Records

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-.33 Staff Training	Met
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Comment

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 1/19/2023

Corrected on 9/19/2023

.32(2) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed appropriate Staff:child ratios on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.