



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/19/2024 **VisitType:** LS POI Follow Up

Arrival: 9:00 AM **Departure:** 12:45 PM

CCLC-38836

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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.
12/19/2024	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
07/25/2024	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
05/28/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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- First Floor - 6wk - 12mth	Infants	2	4	C	13	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Floor Play
Main	B- First Floor- 6wk - 12mth	Infants and One Year Olds	2	4	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Free Play
Main	C First Floor - 6wk - 18mth	One Year Olds	2	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	D- First Floor - 6wk - 18mth	One Year Olds	2	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E- First Floor- 18 - 24 mths	One Year Olds	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Floor Play
Main	F- First Floor- 18 - 24mths	One Year Olds	2	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	G- First Floor- 24 - 30 mths	Two Year Olds	2	70	C	17	NC	NA	NA	Snack
Main	H- First Floor- 30 - 35mth	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	J- Second Floor	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	K- second floor	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	10	C	25	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	L -second floor- 24 - 35mth	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	M- second floor	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	7	C	27	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	N-second floor		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 229			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Left	63	C
Main	B- Back infant/toddler	24	C

Comments

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

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 12/19/2024

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 LS POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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(11) requires that floor coverings be tight, smooth, free of odors and washable or cleanable. It was determined based upon observation that the oval shaped tree rug was not secured to the floor causing a potential tripping hazard. It was further determined that the bathroom floor in the right stall of the bathroom located between Classroom G and Classroom H was cracked on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Floors will be maintained to be safe and sanitary.

Correction Deadline: 1/18/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that wires and electrical cords are secured to prevent tipping hazards.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2024

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 7/25/2024

Corrected on 12/19/2024

.26(3) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed shaded areas on the playground on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - The Consultant and Director discussed removing the metal plate protruding from the concrete wall on the B Back Infant/Toddler Playground.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - The Consultant and Director discussed ensuring that diapering surfaces are cleaned from debris daily.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2024

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures

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

Met

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

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