



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/23/2024 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:45 AM Departure: 11:50 AM

CCLC-26288

A Brighter Beginning Childcare Center

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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.
09/23/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/27/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/19/2023	POI 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
Building 1	Building 1	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	18	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 93							
Building 2	Building 2		0	0	C	19	C	26	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 19			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 93							
Building 3	Building 3	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	18	C	25	C	Clean Up
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 93							
Main	Front	One Year Olds	2	11	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Breakfast
Main	Left	Infants	1	6	C	6	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Free Play, Feeding
Main	Middle		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 24			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 93							
Total # Children this Date: 41			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 79			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 93				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Large Rear-Play	87	C
Main	Left-Play	16	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
6	13	18	13	11	0	25

Comments

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

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/23/2024

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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.12(4) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that children's chairs are placed around the children's tables on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2024

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Evening Care

591-1-1.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)

N/A

Comment

No evening care hours provided

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/26/2024

Corrected on 9/23/2024

.06(4) - Correction of previous of citation in that ventilation fans in the right and left bathrooms in Building 2 were operational and in good repair on this date.

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

Correction Deadline: 3/27/2024

Corrected on 9/23/2024

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

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2024

Corrected on 9/23/2024

.25(3) - Correction of previous citation in that the Center was observed to be clean, free of debris, and in good repair on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/27/2024

Corrected on 9/23/2024

.25(8) - Correction of previous citation in that all electrical outlets were secured with safety caps on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that the back middle section of chain link fencing located on playground Main Left - Play measured at four feet or higher on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that the plastic grey stationary climber located on playground Main Left - Play was free of cracks on the top platform on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(7) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that the anchor ties were flushed against the base of the yellow school bus on playground Main Large Rear - Play on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that the exposed concrete located on the bottom left fencing pole on playground Main Large - Rear Play is covered with resilient surfacing on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2024

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.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Comment

The vehicles observed had approved fire extinguishers and first aid kits on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) - The Consultant discussed repairing or replacing cracked interior seating areas with exposed foam on both vehicles on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

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.

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-.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #2 and Staff #6 did not complete their Health and Safety Orientation training within the first 90 days of employment on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff # 5 did not have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing, and food storage on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2024

Recited on 9/23/2024

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.