



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/19/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 2:50 PM **Departure:** 4:25 PM

CCLC-54384

Learning Bridge @ Cumming Elementary
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Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/18/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/25/2023	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	A - Cafeteria	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	7	57	C	186	C	NA	NA	Centers,Outside	
Main	B - Gym		0	0	C	151	C	NA	NA		
Main	C - Media Center		0	0	C	98	C	NA	NA		
Main	D - Multi-purpose		0	0	C	41	C	NA	NA		
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 199					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0		Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request				
Total # Children this Date: 57		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 199			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0						

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - K - 2nd grade	255	C
Main	B - 3rd - 5th grade	428	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
0	0	0	0	0	0	93

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study. Staff files, children files, and criminal records were reviewed today.

Reminder:

- Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the director. Consultant left a copy of Required Reporting Guidelines.
- Please be sure to enter all temporary closures in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is closed temporarily
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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.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!



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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)

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Per director center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

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)

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Comment

Please ensure to monitor playground equipment for normal wear and tear (i.e. chipped paint, etc.)

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations	N/A
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Comment

Per director the kitchen area is not utilized for the afterschool program.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)	N/A
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Comment

No children enrolled who require diapering. School age children attend only for after school hours.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Comment

Per director the program currently does not dispense/administer medication. Per director emergency medication is kept on premises.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals	N/A
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Comment

Per director the program does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Per director the program does not participate in field trips.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Per director the program does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Sleeping/Naps are not required for this program. School age children attend only for after school hours.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member # 2, date of hire August 1, 2024 did not submit fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required by the department. Staff was observed present on premises, in the cafeteria with 10 afterschoolers and two staff with a satisfactory comprehensive records check. Director identified staff as student-in-training. Staff member was observed to immediately leave the premises.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(d) requires the Center to ensure that every Provisional Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center and must be supervised at all times by a Director or Employee with a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination. The Fingerprint Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Provisional Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member # 2, date of hire August 1, 2024 did not have satisfactory records check on file electronically. Staff was observed present on premises, in the cafeteria with 10 afterschoolers and two staff with a satisfactory comprehensive records check. Director identified staff as student-in-training. Staff member was observed to immediately leave the premises.

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Correction Deadline: 12/20/2024

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

Consultant discussed with the director to ensure to replace expired ointments in first aid kit.

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

Correction Deadline: 10/27/2023

Corrected on 12/19/2024

.14(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed 50% of staff to have First aid/CPR on this date. Per director the new hires will receive training in January during the Professional development training.

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

Consultant discussed with director to ensure that staff credentials are kept on file.

Staffing and Supervision

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.