



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/17/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:55 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-52441

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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.
07/17/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/05/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/02/2024	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 1st Left	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	9	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	B 2nd Left		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	C 3rd Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Circle Time
Main	D 4th Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Centers
Main	E 5th Left		0	0	C	23	C	33	C	
Main	F 6th Right	Three Year Olds	2	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Breakfast, Circle Time
Main	G 5th Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside, Breakfast, Transitioning
Main	H 4th Right	Two Year Olds	2	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Centers
Main	I 3rd Right	One Year Olds	2	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Outside, Breakfast
Main	J 2nd Right	One Year Olds	2	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Breakfast, Outside
Main	K 1st Right	Infants and One Year Olds	3	7	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering

	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 206	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 247
Total # Children this Date: 77	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 206	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 247

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A (inf-2yrs)	51	C
Main	Activity Area	46	C
Main	B (3-12 yrs)	135	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit. Staff files, and criminal records checks were reviewed.

Reminders:

Please be sure to enter all temporary closures in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is closed temporarily for one day or more.

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.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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 user id 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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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Consultant discussed adding and rotating equipment and toys to enhance variety.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Consultant discussed to please ensure that equipment and furniture are free from hazards, (i.e., frayed edges, exposed foam, etc.) replace or repair if needed.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2024

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

N/A

Comment

Per owner the 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)

Met

Comment

Consultant observed center to be clean and well maintained.

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Consultant discussed maintenance of resilient surface, ensure to monitor resilient surface for cracking. The owner stated the facility is in the process of installing new resilient surfacing to playground A and B.

Correction Deadline: 7/27/2024

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Consultant observed proper diapering procedures on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - Consultant discussed with staff to ensure to monitor the normal wear and tear of the diaper changing pad and dirt build-up underneath the diaper changing pad.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2024

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

Consultant observed staff to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.20(3) - Consultant discussed proper documentation for emergency medication.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2024

Safety

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

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

Per owner the center does not provide routine transportation. Transportation is used during the summer, for field trips.

Comment

The consultant observed vehicle to have evidence of a current vehicle inspection report:

- Vehicle tag # RYV3968 - Expires April 30, 2025.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Consultant observed cribs/cots labeled for individual use.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - Consultant discussed to ensure that cribs sheets are changed daily.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that mats are in good repair. Monitor mats for exposed foam and/or frayed edges, replace when needed.

Correction Deadline: 7/17/2024

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 14 staff files for employees hired since last visit conducted January 2, 2024.

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

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months. Professional Learning Plan was emailed during visit.

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. Consultant observed staff conducting face-to-name check.