



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/21/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:45 AM

Departure: 12:15 PM

CCLC-17663

Meadowdale Learning Center - Moody Road

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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.
09/21/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/14/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
06/12/2023	Complaint 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	1st Left	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	1st Right	One Year Olds	2	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Free Play
Main	2nd Left	Four Year Olds	2	19	C	34	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	2nd Right	Infants	1	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
Main	4th Left		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	Back Middle	Four Year Olds	2	13	C	25	C	34	C	Outside
Main	Front Middle	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	32	C	45	C	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 140					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 162					
Total # Children this Date: 59					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 162					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Back/Right Playground	162	C
Main	Left side playground	23	C
Main	Right Front Playground	28	C

Comments

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

Transportation records and newly hired staff files were available for the consultant to review.

An exit conference discussing the monitoring report was conducted with the director on this date. Consultant emailed a signed copy of the monitoring report to the director on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/21/2023

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

Barbara Sears, Program Official

Date

Charlene Story, Regional Consultant

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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) Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured on this date.

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 met by center on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) Met

Comment

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

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26 - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure wood chips are spread and fluffed often.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed in the first and second classrooms to the right.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands in the first and second classroom to the right.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed in the second classroom to the left and the middle classroom.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

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

Remember forms should be completed entirely.

Remember to add dates on transportation form.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on review of transportation records that on Friday September 1, 2023, during the afternoon bus route from Russell Elementary back to the facility eight out eight children were missing a mark for unloading at the facility.

In addition, during the same bus route, two out of eight children were missing a mark for loading the bus at the school. In addition, on Thursday September 8, 2023, during the afternoon bus route from Hilltop Elementary to the facility one out of four children was missing a mark for loading the bus at the school and unloading at the facility. Also on Tuesday August 29, 2023, during the afternoon bus route from Hilltop Elementary to the facility four out of four children were missing a mark when unloaded at the facility. And on Tuesday August 29, 2023, during the afternoon route from Perdue Primary to the facility, three out of four children were missing a mark when unloaded at the facility.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c) 3. requires that the driver or other designated person document in writing the time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center. It was determined based on review of transportation records that on Friday September 1, 2023, during the morning route from the facility to Russell Elementary, the return time to the facility was missing. In addition, on the same date, during the afternoon route from Russell Elementary to the facility, the time children loaded and the return time to the facility were missing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that each time of arrival and departure is documented by the driver or designated person with training, review and monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 9/22/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.
Discussed washing of sheets and disinfecting of mats.

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-.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.