



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/25/2023 **VisitType:** Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:15 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

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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.
09/25/2023	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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.

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 - Suite 100	Infants	2	10	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B - Suite 150	One Year Olds	1	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Free Play
Main	C - Suite 200	One Year Olds	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Story
Main	D - Suite 250	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	E - Suite 300	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	24	C	NA	NA	Clean Up, Transitioning
Main	F - Suite 350	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Main	G - Suite 400	Three Year Olds	3	14	C	24	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	H - Suite 450 Ga Pre-k	GA PreK	2	14	C	24	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	I - Gym 2 Ga. Pre-k	GA PreK	2	13	C	30	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Clean Up
Main	J - Gym 1		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	K - Suite 500 Private Pre-k	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	4	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	L - Cafeteria		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	

	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 225	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0
Total # Children this Date: 114	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 225	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - Infant/Toddler	28	C
Main	Playground B Left - School Age	150	C
Main	Playground C - Back Right - Preschool	59	C
Main	Playground D - Front Right - Toddlers	35	C

Comments

Initial Licensing Visit was conducted on September 25, 2023. Permission to Operate was granted on this date. The facility does not carry liability insurance.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/25/2023

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.decga.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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.decga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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!

Camille Williams, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the director ensuring that the gaming cords in Classroom K are stored in such a way that will prevent children from pulling from them.

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2023

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. A pool was not observed on site.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 4

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(3)-Address of Release Person Missing

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the director ensuring that all children's files include addresses, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; of the person(s) to whom the child may be released or contacted in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached.

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2023

Facility**591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that exhaust fans in classrooms C; E; G; H; J (hallway bathroom); and K needed to be replaced or repaired.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2023

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. Permission to Operate was granted on this date. The overall license capacity is 225 children.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

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

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the playground fence had gaps that measured more than 3.5 inches.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2023

Food Service

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the director ensuring that food brought in by children from home is checked by center staff to ensure that the food is not associated with young children's choking incidents. This includes foods such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe. These foods shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking. Food shall not be accessible or served to children until it has been chopped, diced, cut or mashed and is appropriate for each child's age and individual eating, chewing and swallowing ability.

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2023

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that all refrigerator temperatures are maintained at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below and all freezer temperatures are maintained at zero (0) degrees Fahrenheit or below.

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2023

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Not Met****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed with the director ensuring that classroom D or E is changed into a diaper changing room. A diaper changing table must be added and placed adjacent to the sink, and an exhaust fan must be placed above the diaper changing table.

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the diaper changing tables were not equipped with a guard or rails. Consultant also observed tears on one of the diaper changing pads.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2023

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Please ensure that trash can lids remain closed on trash cans containing organic waste.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures. Consultant informed center staff to utilize the GA. Department of Early Care and Learning's Authorization for Medication Form to ensure that everything listed on the form is documented correctly.

Finding

591-1-1-.20(1) requires Personnel to obtain specific written authorization from the child's physician or parent in order to dispense prescription or non-prescription medications, except for first aid. Such authorization will include when applicable, date; full name of the child; name of the medication; prescription number, if any; dosage; the dates to be given; the time of day to be dispensed; and signature of parent. It was determined based on a review of records that the Medicine Authorization Forms did not list the prescription number. The medication was also administered on the dates that were not listed on the Medicine Authorization Form. Lastly, records indicated that incorrect dosage was administered on September 12, 2023; September 13, 2023; September 25, 2023 and September 26, 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to obtain and review parental authorizations to ensure the authorization contains complete information. The designated person(s) will monitor daily.

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.20(3) requires the Center to maintain a record of medication dispensed that includes the date, time and amount of medication, any noticeable adverse reaction, and the signature or initials of the person administering the medication. It was determined based on a review of records that the Medication Authorization form was missing signature/initials of the person administering the medication on September 25, 2023..

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff responsible for dispensing medication in the accurate completion and storage of the records and will implement a plan to monitor this.

Correction Deadline: 9/25/2023

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)**Met****Comment**

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 requires that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material. Before a change of occupant, each mattress shall be cleaned with a disinfectant. It was determined based on observation that 3 crib mattresses had minor tears.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps, at least 2 inches thick and covered with a waterproof, washable material.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2023

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the director ensuring that staff are attentive and participate with children during mealtimes. Consultant informed the director that during all mealtimes, staff must be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger.