



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/16/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:55 AM

Departure: 12:45 PM

CCLC-58663

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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.
11/16/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/07/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
06/08/2023	ILS with PTO	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
1st Bldg	A	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
1st Bldg	B	Infants	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
1st Bldg	C	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	10	C	14	C	Free Play
1st Bldg	D	One Year Olds	1	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play
1st Bldg	E	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	22	C	31	C	Free Play
1st Bldg	F	One Year Olds	2	9	C	11	C	16	C	Free Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 190			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 220			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		
2nd Bldg	G	Four Year Olds	2	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
2nd Bldg	H	GA PreK	2	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
2nd Bldg	I		0	0	C	34	C	NA	NA	
2nd Bldg	J	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	22	C	30	C	Circle Time
2nd Bldg	K	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 121			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 220					
Total # Children this Date: 103		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 311			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 220					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
1st Bldg	Large	97	C
1st Bldg	Small	26	C

Comments

Monitoring visit was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/16/2023

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

Jennifer Ogletree, Program Official	Date
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Shannon Curtis, Process & QI Unit Consultant	Date
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April Brown, Regional Consultant	Date
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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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation a speaker was observed sitting on top of a low shelf and was not secured as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2023

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming at this time.

Facility

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by the center on this date.

591-1-1.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained on this date.

Comment

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

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****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 there was a four inch gap between the bars of fencing between the large and small playgrounds and between fencing surrounding the large playground area.

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: 11/30/2023**Technical Assistance**

Please ensure the playground is kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. Consultant discussed with the director to ensure the lattice surrounding the bottom part of the fence beside the railing are repaired to enclose the gap which posed as an entrapment hazard. The director reported a temporary boarder will be put in place on today, November 16, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2023

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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 the diaper changing pad in Classroom A was not nonporous as required.

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: 11/17/2023

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

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

The center currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

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

A current and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children on this date. Vehicle with tag number ending in F1730 was completed on May 17, 2023. Vehicle with tag number ending in DAIR was completed on August 7, 2023.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Comment

The vehicles had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the director and infant staff members 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.

Comment

Director provided two file(s) for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on September 7, 2023.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.