



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/25/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:55 AM

Departure: 11:30 AM

CCLC-39316

Rashida's Day Care

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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.
03/25/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/19/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/21/2023	Licensing Study	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	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	12	NC	NA	NA	Music, Centers, Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 12			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 13			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 12			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	24	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a licensing visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/25/2024

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!

Rashida Taylor, Program Official

Date

Sarah Benton, Exemption Unit Coordinator

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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) N/A

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 7/19/2023

Corrected on 3/25/2024

.19(1) - This observed corrected.

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - Discussed ensuring that children do not have access to power cords near the refrigerator.

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2024

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

591-1-1-.26 - Discussed fluffing and redistributing the sand. Ensure that any grass is removed from the sand as it can inhibit resilience.

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 gate by the steps was uneven making it to where the gate could not be closed. The gate closes off an unlicensed area outside. A bungy cord has been placed on the gate however, the gate could still be pulled open leaving a gap more than three 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: 4/8/2024**Recited on 3/25/2024****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - Program is not currently using the swings and has wrapped them over the top of the swing sets out of reach. Discussed removing them from the sets all together. Additionally, discussed an ant bed near beginning near the fence.

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2024

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Director stated that they utilize the small refrigerator and pantry in the childcare areas for food service. If other areas are used, they would need to be inspected.

Health and Hygiene

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Handwashing not observed. Discussed with director.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(10) - Ensure potty chairs are emptied and disinfected immediately after each use.

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2024

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

Provider stated they do not dispense medication.

Policies and Procedures

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.21(3) - Observed emergency drills for 2023. Ensure proper record keeping for current year.

Correction Deadline: 3/30/2024

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals****Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

The program does not currently have infants in care.

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-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Met****Comment**

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Director stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

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

Discussed staff training. Please obtain required documentation.

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)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.32(3) requires a Center with a licensed capacity of 18 or fewer children to maintain Staff-child ratios in mixed-age groups of children under three years old based on the age of the youngest child under three years of age. Where all of the children in any one group are three years of age or older, the age of the majority of the children in the group shall determine the Staff: child ratios . It was determined based on arrival that a ratio of 1:12 was observed for approximately five minutes when the second staff was not on site. This was a mixed grouping of children ages two, three and four. Ratios of 1:10 was required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will determine and maintain Staff: child ratios as required.

Correction Deadline: 3/25/2024

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.