



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/18/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 11:30 AM **Departure:** 6:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
04/18/2024	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/29/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
11/15/2023	Complaint Closure	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	1L - Room A - Infant		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	2L - Room B - Infant		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	3L - Room C - Toddler 1 - 2	One Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	4L - Room D - 2's	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	5L - Room E	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	10	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	J	Infants and One Year Olds	2	11	C	28	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Nap, Floor Play
Main	K-4's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	21	C	28	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch, Centers
Main	Rear Hallway - 1R - Room F - PS - SA		0	0	C	29	C	40	C	
Main	Rear Hallway - 4R - Room I - Pre-Kindergarten	GA PreK	2	15	C	29	C	41	C	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			167			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			281	
Total # Children this Date: 69			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			281	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	1R - Playground A - Infant - Toddler	20	C
Main	2R - Playground B - Preschool	25	C
Main	Rear - Playground C - School Age	66	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a complaint investigation and to follow up from the previous visit conducted on February 29, 2024.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/18/2024

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center.

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

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that electrical outlets have protective caps in classroom 4R-Room I Pre-Kindergarten.

Correction Deadline: 4/18/2024

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

Consultant observed playground 1R to be clean and in good repair. Playgrounds were not in use due to workers adding new equipment to playground 2R.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure at least three inches of resilient surfacing around equipment that is three to five feet tall and six inches of resilient surfacing around equipment that is over five feet tall.

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2024

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15 - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that infant feeding forms are updated every two to three months as required.

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Finding

591-1-1-.15(3) requires baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. If formula must be provided by the Center, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. It was determined based on observation that five of eleven children did not have formula or breast milk prepared in individual, labeled bottles.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to follow the required procedures, ensure that parents are fully informed, and will review and monitor regularly.

Correction Deadline: 4/18/2024

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

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.20 - Consultant discussed with the director proper medication documentation and procedures.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Met**

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices **Met**

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Not Evaluated**

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) **Met**

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle 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) **Not Met**

Comment

Staff stated knowledge of infant safe sleep requirements.

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 five of fourteen crib mattresses were not tight-fitting in the cribs. Three of the five mattresses were curled up at the corners and two of the cribs were occupied.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that a crib mattress is firm, tight-fitting without gaps.

Correction Deadline: 4/18/2024

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 one file for an employee hired since last visit February 29, 2024.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff hired more than 90 days certified in First Aid and CPR.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(3) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that missing items are replaced in the first aid kits.

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2024

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

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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.