



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/26/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:10 AM

Departure: 12:10 PM

CCLC-2363

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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.
03/26/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/05/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
10/19/2023	Monitoring Visit	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
After-School Building	AS-East		0	0	C	16	C	23	C	
After-School Building	AS-South		0	0	C	9	C	13	C	
After-School Building	AS-West		0	0	C	16	C	23	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 41			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 159							
Main	Classroom F	Infants and Two Year Olds	3	9	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Diapering, Nap
Main	Classroom H	Two Year Olds	2	3	C	9	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room A		0	0	C	16	C	22	C	
Main	Room B	Two Year Olds	2	5	C	6	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Breakfast
Main	Room C	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	6	C	6	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Room D/E	One Year Olds	2	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room G	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Breakfast
Main	Room I	Four Year Olds	2	6	C	19	C	27	C	Free Play

	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 86	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 159
Total # Children this Date: 40	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 127	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 159

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
After-School Building	Afterschool	100	C
Main	Back Playground	16	C
Main	Left Playground	40	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study.

Children and staff files, staff training, emergency drills, and other required documents were available for the consultant to review.

No citations were observed on this date.

An exit conference discussing the licensing study report with the provider on this date. Consultant emailed a signed copy of the licensing study report to the provider on this date.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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/RuleAndRegulations.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!

Mary Barber, Program Official

Date

Charlene Story, Regional Consultant

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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

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.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.06(7) - Consultant discussed ensuring that bathroom toilets are cleaned daily or more if needed.

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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**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Discussed painting the center.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3

Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk

5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk

2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://dec.al.ga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

March 26, 2024 Menu:

Breakfast: Waffles, Strawberries and Milk

Lunch: Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Whole Wheat Bread, Vegetable Soup, Slice Apples and Milk

Dinner: Sliced Turkey, Whole Wheat Bread, California Blend, Pineapple Slices and Milk.

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**

Proper diapering procedures observed in Classroom F (Infants)

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands in Classrooms G and I.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

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

Program observed complete emergency drills

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

Observed all required posted notices.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting	Met
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Comment

Thank you for reporting as required.

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

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	Met
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

	Sleeping & Resting Equipment
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591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 - Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure all crib mattresses are smooth and are non-porous.

SIDS was discussed with staff on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2024

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)	Met
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Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR	Met
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Comment

Please replace or add any missing or expired items in the First Aid Kit

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

Documentation observed of the ten hours of required annual staff training for the year 2023.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.