



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/21/2024 VisitType: POI Follow Up

Arrival: 11:40 AM Departure: 2:30 PM

CCLC-54683

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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.
05/21/2024	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
04/24/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
02/29/2024	Complaint Investigation & 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
Main	A 1R Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	2	12	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B 2R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C 3R- 2's	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	18	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D 4R - Preschool	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	19	C	24	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E 5R	GA PreK	2	15	C	23	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Transitioning
Main	F 6R- GA PreK	GA PreK	2	14	C	23	C	NA	NA	Story, Transitioning
Main	G 1L	Infants	2	12	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap
Main	H 2L- PreK	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	15	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	I 3L- 3's	Three Year Olds	1	14	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	J 4L- 2's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	19	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	K 5L- 1's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	18	C	22	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	L Rear Middle Infants		0	0	C	21	C	29	C	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 298

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations

Total # Children this Date: 171

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 298

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG A Front Right	32	C
Main	PG B 2R	61	C
Main	PG C Rear	24	C
Main	PG D Front Left	25	C
Main	PG E 2nd Left	67	C

Comments

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

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/21/2024

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.al.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@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 POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/24/2024

Corrected on 5/21/2024

.12(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed equipment and furniture placed to permit the children's freedom of movement and to minimize accidents.

Facility

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed accessible to children:

B2R-wipes and plastic bags accessible to children in the restroom

D4R-wipes and a cracked wastebasket in the restroom on the left and a display board with an exposed screw in restroom on the right.

E5R- wipes under the easel

J4L-plunger in restroom in restroom on the right

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 5/21/2024

Recited on 5/21/2024

Finding

591-1-1.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the screen on the left window was bent in classroom C3R.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2024

Recited on 5/21/2024

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

Correction Deadline: 2/29/2024

Corrected on 5/21/2024

.26(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed the fence to be in good condition.

Health and Hygiene

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

Correction Deadline: 2/29/2024

Corrected on 5/21/2024

.17(8) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed proper hand washing throughout the center.

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

Correction Deadline: 2/29/2024

Corrected on 5/21/2024

.20(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed medicine authorization forms to be signed and dated by the parents.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Director provided four files for employees hired since last visit February 29, 2024.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Correction Deadline: 2/29/2024

Corrected on 5/21/2024

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed adequate supervision during the visit.