



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/5/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:00 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

CCLC-1093

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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.
09/05/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/18/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/15/2023	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
Main	A-1st Left	Infants	2	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Diapering, Nap
Main	B-2nd Left	One Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	C-3rd Left 150	One Year Olds	1	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D- 1st Right 200	Two Year Olds	3	14	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	E-2nd Right 250	GA PreK	2	16	C	22	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	F-3rd Right 300	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	22	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	G-4th Right 350		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	H-5th Right(Rear) 400	Four Year Olds	1	6	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	I-Center Rear 500	GA PreK	2	15	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	J-Left Rear- GYM		0	0	C	28	C	NA	NA	
Main	K-Center- Cafeteria		0	0	C	23	C	32	C	
Main	L- Bldg II 1st Rt	Six Year Olds and Over	1	7	C	16	C	22	C	Homework
Main	M- 2nd Rt- 1st Grade	Six Year Olds and Over	1	7	C	16	C	23	C	Homework
Main	N- 1st Left-1st Grade	Six Year Olds and Over	1	5	C	16	C	22	C	Homework
Main	O- 2nd Left	Six Year Olds and Over	1	3	C	16	C	23	C	Homework
Main	P - 1st Left Drake		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	Q - next to gym		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 333

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 368

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

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.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!

Cheryl Windham, Program Official

Date

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - The Consultant and the Provider discussed ensuring that equipment and furniture is clean and in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 9/5/2023

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2023

Corrected on 9/5/2023

.26(4) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the Consultant observed the fencing to be free of hazards on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/25/2023

Corrected on 9/5/2023

.26(6) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the Consultant observed the equipment to be in good repair on this date.

Correction Deadline: 2/15/2023

Corrected on 9/5/2023

.26(9) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the Consultant observed the playground to be free of litter and hazards on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

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

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

Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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-.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
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Comment

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

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.