



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/3/2024 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation & Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:00 PM **Departure:** 2:15 PM

CCLC-46297

The Children's Courtyard #3214

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Same

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.
12/03/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/16/2024	TA Follow Up	NA	
01/18/2024	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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
First	LB		0	0	C	32	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
First	Left-side RT		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
First	LF	Three Year Olds	2	6	C	29	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
First	R2R		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
First	RB		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
First	RT FT		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 146			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Second	BkLF	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	20	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Nap
Second	BRT		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Second	Front LF	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Second	Middle LF	GA PreK	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 81			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 32			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 227							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

The purpose of today's visit is to follow up on any previous citations from the visit conducted on January 18, 2024.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 12/17/2024

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 Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Safety

591-1-1.11 Discipline(CR)

Defer

Defer

591-1-1.11(2)- Deferred for consultant assigned the investigation.

Correction Deadline: 2/12/2024

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 23

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 11

Not Met

Date of Hire: 09/23/2024

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1.09(1)(j) requires that for portability for Directors, Employees and Provisional Employees, excluding Students-in-Training, only the most recently issued determination letter is eligible for portability and must be ported electronically. A Center may accept a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination letter or a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter issued by the Department if the Records Check Clearance Date is within the preceding 12 months from the hire date, the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, and the Center does not know or reasonably should not know that the individual's satisfactory status has changed. It was determined that on December 3, 2024, staff member #11 was located at the center in the front office with a Criminal Records Determination that had not been ported over to the center's CCLC number.

Correction Deadline: 12/3/2024