



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/18/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:00 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-3212

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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.
09/18/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/19/2024	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
07/17/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	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
Bldg. 1	1st Left	Infants	2	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. 1	1st Right		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. 1	2nd Left	Infants	2	3	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Bldg. 1	2nd Right	Infants	2	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Nap, Floor Play
Bldg. 1	3rd Left	Infants	1	3	C	11	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Bldg. 1	3rd Right	Infants	2	5	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Transitioning
Bldg. 1	4th Left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	0	NC	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
Bldg. 1	4th Right	One Year Olds	2	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. 1	5th Left	One Year Olds	2	8	C	0	NC	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. 1	5th Right	One Year Olds	2	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. 1	6th Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	0	NC	NA	NA	Free Play, Centers
Bldg. 1	6th Right	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. 1	7th Left	Two Year Olds	1	7	C	0	NC	NA	NA	Centers, Art, Free Play
Bldg. 1	7th Right	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. 1	8th Left	One Year Olds	2	8	C	0	NC	NA	NA	Centers, Free Play
Bldg. 1	8th Right	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside

		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 148			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Bldg. II	1st Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Centers
Bldg. II	1st Right	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. II	2nd Left	Three Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. II	2nd Right	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers,Art
Bldg. II	3rd Left	Four Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. II	3rd Right	Four Year Olds	1	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers,Art
Bldg. II	3rd Right	Four Year Olds	2	15	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. II	4th Left	Four Year Olds	2	16	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Bldg. II	4th Right		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Bldg. II	4th Right		0	0	C	41	C	NA	NA	
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 221			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 210		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 369			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg. 1	A	35	C
Bldg. 1	B	45	C
Bldg. 1	C	75	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekony)	5 years and older
36	40	50	44	0	0	0

Comments

September 18, 2024--The Monitoring Visit was conducted on this date. The findings were discussed with the Director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/18/2024

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/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!



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center. The Consultant discussed with the Director to have staff members monitor any toys with metal and to monitor for rust.

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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 routinely met by center.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the Director to monitor safety latches and ensure cabinets or drawers, with hazardous items stored in either, did not open in a wide manner and allow children access to any items.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2024

591-1-1.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands. The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure staff washed infants hands for the required amount of time.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.20(3) requires the Center to maintain a record of medication dispensed that includes the date, time and amount of medication, any noticeable adverse reaction, and the signature or initials of the person administering the medication. It was determined based on a review of records that multiple medication records had dates listed for medications to be administered and it was not recorded each day why the medications were not administered as listed, such as the child was not present or there were no medications present at the Center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff responsible for dispensing medication in the accurate completion and storage of the records and will implement a plan to monitor this.

Correction Deadline: 9/18/2024

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection were observed during the visit..

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR that was required to have the training by this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.33(2) requires the initial Center orientation to include the following subjects: the Center's policies and procedures; the portions of these rules dealing with the care, health and safety of children; the Staff person's assigned duties and responsibilities; reporting requirements for suspected cases of child abuse, neglect or deprivation; communicable diseases and serious injuries; emergency weather plans; the program's emergency preparedness plan; childhood injury control; the administration of medicine; reducing the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS); hand washing; fire safety; water safety; and prevention of HIV/AIDS and blood borne pathogens. It was determined based on a review of records that two staff members did not have proof of orientation in their file as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide orientation in all missing subjects to the employee(s) and will take steps to provide a complete orientation to new Employees in the future.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2024

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**

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2024

Corrected on 9/18/2024

The correction was observed on this date. Step stools were observed to be placed up out of reach. Staff stated they pulled the stool down for use and properly supervised children.