



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
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Date: 3/19/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:15 AM

Departure: 12:30 PM

CCLC-46912

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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. |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 03/19/2024                  | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 08/28/2023                  | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 03/02/2023                  | Licensing Study  | Support       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                             |                  |               | <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.                                                                                                                |
|                             |                  |               | <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.                                                                                                                          |
|                             |                  |               | <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.                                                                                                                |

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 - Infants | Infants and One Year Olds          | 1     | 6        | C                             | 12         | C            | NA         | NA           | Feeding, Floor Play |
| Main                            | B - 1 year  |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                             | 16         | C            | NA         | NA           |                     |
| Main                            | C - 1 year  | One Year Olds and Two Year Olds    | 1     | 4        | C                             | 18         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning       |
| Main                            | D - 4 year  | Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds | 2     | 10       | C                             | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Lunch               |
| Main                            | E - 4 Year  | GA PreK                            | 2     | 14       | C                             | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside             |
| Main                            | F - 4 year  | GA PreK                            | 2     | 15       | C                             | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside             |
| Main                            | G - 3 Years |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                             | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           |                     |
| Main                            | H - 2 year  | Two Year Olds                      | 2     | 8        | C                             | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap                 |
| Main                            | I - 2 year  |                                    | 0     | 0        | C                             | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           |                     |
| Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 171 |             |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                     |
| Total # Children this Date: 57  |             |                                    |       |          | Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0 |            |              |            |              |                     |

| Building | Playground              | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | A - Infant              | 12                   | C                     |
| Main     | B - Toddler             | 21                   | C                     |
| Main     | C- Preschool/School Age | 32                   | C                     |

### Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a License Study Visit and to follow-up from the previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/19/2024

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.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](http://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.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Helen Owuzo, Program Official

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Finding

591-1-1.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation, the adult rocking chair and the multi colored climbing shapes located in classroom A were observed to be worn and torn, exposing fabric and peeling.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2024

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

N/A

Comment

The center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Emergency Contact information Missing

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on review of children's records the following items were not included in the records: 1 of 5 records did not include the release person's address and 1 of 5 records did not include the work address for the parent(s).

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

**Correction Deadline: 4/2/2024****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)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25 - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26 - Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

Proper hand washing was observed throughout the center on this date.

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

No medication is being dispensed at this time.

**Policies and Procedures**

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

591-1-1-.21(3) - Per documentation, the center is conducting emergency drills as required.

**Correction Deadline: 3/24/2024**

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**Safety**

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

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

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**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

The center does not provide routine transportation at this time.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the staff on this date.

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**Staff Records**

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Documentation observed of required 2023 staff training.

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

591-1-1-.31 - Staff were observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date

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**Staffing and Supervision**

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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

The center was observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

**Comment**

Adequate supervision was observed on this date.