



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/27/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:10 AM **Departure:** 2:00 PM

CCLC-52434

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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.
04/27/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/19/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/18/2022	POI 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	A 1st Left	Infants	1	5	C	5	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Bldg 1	B 2nd Left (behind 1st L)	One Year Olds	1	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg 1	C 3rd Left	One Year Olds	1	7	C	9	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg 1	D Middle Front	One Year Olds	2	8	C	8	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Centers
Bldg 1	E Middle Back	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Bldg 1	F 1st Right (off Cafeteria)	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Bldg 1	G 2nd Right	Three Year Olds	1	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations				
Bldg 2	H 1L: Private Pre-K	GA PreK	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Music
Bldg 2	I 2L: Afterschool		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Bldg 2	J 3L: Afterschool		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Bldg 2	K 3R: Afterschool		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Bldg 2	L 2R: Private Pre-K		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Bldg 2	M 1R: Private Pre-K	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	13	C	14	C	NA	NA	Music
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 88			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations				
Total # Children this Date: 76			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 163			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg 1	A Toddler	22	C
Bldg 1	B Preschool	45	C
Bldg 1	C School age	75	C
Bldg 1	D Preschool	43	C
Bldg 1	E School age	48	C

Comments

The Purpose of this visit was to complete a monitoring visit and train a new hire.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/27/2023

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.decga.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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

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.

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 present to children in care:

Building One:

Three-year-old classroom:

Mop and bucket in unlock closet

Hand soap that states "keep out of the reach of children" in the bathroom.

Two- Year-Old Classroom:

Broken Bookshelf

Building Two:

1st Right:

Adult scissors in unlock cabinet

2nd Left:

baby wipes that read "suffocation hazard" on a shelf within reach of children

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: 4/27/2023

Recited on 4/27/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the on the back play area, on the right side of the fence, there was a gap at the bottom measuring at 5 inches wide. It was also determined that on the left side playground, the middle area of fence had a gap measuring at eight inches wide.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 4/27/2023

Correction Deadline: 10/19/2022

Corrected on 4/27/2023

.26(9) - Previous citations corrected.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition Met

Correction Deadline: 10/19/2022

Corrected on 4/27/2023

.15(2) - Previous citations corrected. All infants feeding plan updated on this date.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health Met

Correction Deadline: 10/19/2022

Corrected on 4/27/2023

.07(5) - Previous citations corrected. No bibs were observed on this date.

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

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Correction Deadline: 10/19/2022

Corrected on 4/27/2023

.17(7) - Previous citations corrected.

Correction Deadline: 10/19/2022

Corrected on 4/27/2023

.17(8) - Previous citations corrected.

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

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Comment

Please be mindful in redirecting children.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) Not Met

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based observation that following hazards were observed.

Van number two:

seat belt holder broken exposing foam and metal to the children in care.

Van number number four :

Third row seat was torn exposing foam to the children in care.

Front row speaker cracked exposing sharp edges to the children in care,

Van number five:

Seat belt cover broken exposing foam and a metal piece to the children in care.

Vent covers missing exposing gaps to the children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2023**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on a review of records that the following information was missing from emergency medical forms:

-Seven of 32 did not have a work number for the parents listed

=Four of 32 did not have emergency contact information listed

-One of 32 did not have the doctor's name listed

-One of 32 did not have the doctors phone number listed

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2023

Recited on 4/27/2023

Correction Deadline: 10/20/2022

Corrected on 4/27/2023

.36(7)(c)2. - Previous citations corrected. No field trip since the last visit.

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
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Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Met
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Correction Deadline: 10/20/2022

Corrected on 4/27/2023

.33(2) - Previous citations corrected.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.