



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/5/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:25 AM **Departure:** 1:20 PM

CCLC-50426

Bright Start Preschool #1

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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.
11/05/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/31/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/27/2023	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
Bld 2-rm 8 infant-1 yr	Rm 1 - 1's	Infants and One Year Olds	2	5	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Bld 2-rm 8 infant-1 yr	Rm 2 older infants and 1's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	14	C	15	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Bld 2-rm 8 infant-1 yr	Rm 3 - infants		0	0	C	6	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 41			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 220							
Main	Rm 1	Three Year Olds	1	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Rm 2	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	14	C	20	C	Free Play
Main	Rm 3	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	19	C	22	C	30	C	Centers
Main	Rm 4	Four Year Olds	2	17	C	24	C	33	C	Centers
Main	Rm 5	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Rm 6	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	17	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Rm 7 afterschool room	Four Year Olds	2	17	C	33	C	46	C	Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 143			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 156							
Total # Children this Date: 125			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 184			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 220				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bld 2-rm 8 infant-1 yr	playground 3	16	C
Main	Playground A	65	C
Main	Playground B	18	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
7	15	31	28	59	0	72

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/05/2024

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/Regulations.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Parent agreements observed obtained and completed.

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 the 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 posed a hazard and were accessible to children:

Classroom 1

- A grocery bag inside a cubby hole.

Classroom2

- A grocery bag inside a cubby hole.

Classroom 3

- Under the sink there were two unlocked drawers with white trash bags and a box of latex gloves inside.

Classroom 6

- There were 11 cubby holes with plastic packaging for pull-ups inside and one cubby hole with a grocery bag inside.

Building 2, classroom 2

- There was an unlocked cabinet to the left of the sink with grocery bags and plastic packaging for pull-ups inside.

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: 11/5/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following were not in good repair:

Classroom 4

- The door handle to the bathroom was loose exposing the inside of the door.

Classroom 7

- There were eight ceiling tiles with stains over the circle area, over the children's tables, and near the refrigerator.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 11/5/2024

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

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2023

Corrected on 11/5/2024

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Food Service

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

CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements effective October 1, 2017 will be implemented October 1, 2018: 3 Components for breakfast: Grains, Vegetables, Fruits or both, Milk
5 Components for lunch – Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, Fruits, Vegetable, and Milk OR Grains, Meat/Meat alternates, 2 different types of vegetables, and Milk
2 of 5 Components for snack

Provided Updated CACFP Infant Meal pattern and Child/Adult Meal pattern flyers.

The Crediting Handbook for the CACFP can be located on DECAL and USDA's website:

DECAL

<http://decalfga.gov/CACFP/Handbook.aspx>

USDA

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-handbooks>

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2023

Corrected on 11/5/2024

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time.

Policies and Procedures

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

Program observed to have completed emergency drills on this date.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**Met****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on the premises.

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

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

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

Comment

A current and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles with license BSP 1, BSP 2, and BSP 3 used in transporting children on this date.

Comment

The vehicles had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/1/2023

Corrected on 11/5/2024

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c) requires the center to use passenger transportation checklists, in a format approved by the Department, to account for each child during transportation. A separate passenger checklist must be used for each vehicle. It was determined based on a review of records that the center was not using the current checklist dated October 1, 2023, therefore the checklist was missing the date for depart/return.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain a passenger checklist as required.

Correction Deadline: 11/6/2024

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2023

Corrected on 11/5/2024

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2023

Corrected on 11/5/2024

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2023

Corrected on 11/5/2024

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Director provided seven files for employees hired since the last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

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.