



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/1/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

CCLC-52620

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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.
10/01/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/16/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
05/15/2024	Complaint 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
Main	Room A - 1L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	3	15	C	32	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room B - 2L/3L	Four Year Olds	3	20	C	31	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room C - 4L		0	0	C	40	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room D - 3R	Two Year Olds	2	18	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room E - 2R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Room F - 1R	Infants and One Year Olds	3	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 155			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 74		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 155			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A (1st left)	14	C
Main	Playground B (second left)	19	C
Main	Playground C (Large back left)	64	C
Main	Playground D (Outside of class D)	8	C
Main	Playground E (right of class E)	6	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
10	13	19	17	20	0	75

Comments

The consultant discussed the citations and reviewed the visit report on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/01/2024

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

591-1-1.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development. The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation that lesson plans in Rooms D, E, and F were not up to date or unavailable.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will keep current lesson plans on site that include appropriate instruction practices and activities and will have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the activities.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2024

Recited on 10/1/2024

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

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 that in room C, twenty-nine out of forty-two chairs are broken and have sharp edges. In addition, there was a leaning book shelf and seventeen tables that have chipping paint. In classroom there was a cabinet by the entrance door that was observed to have chipping paint. In classroom D, there was a child-sized blue chair that was observed to have peeling vinyl.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

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

Correction Deadline: 10/1/2024

Technical Assistance

Please be sure to add equipment and toys to enhance variety.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2024

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Swimming activities provided off site. No pool observed on site.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms**Not Met****Comment**

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

Finding

591-1-1-.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation in the classrooms observed that there were no operable exhaust/ventilation fans operable.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will fully enclose and ventilate bathroom areas, as required, and will provide adequate ventilation and sanitation in bathrooms that are not fully enclosed.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2024

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)**Not Met****Comment**

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Technical Assistance

Please be sure to repair and be mindful of the rugs in the classroom to ensure they are free of odor, stains and in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2024**Correction Deadline: 5/16/2024****Corrected on 10/1/2024****.25(3) - During the visit the door was observed to be repaired.****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 in room C there is a hole in the ceiling that needs to be repaired. Additionally, other tiles in the room need to be replaced/monitored. Additionally, in room D the storage doors on the diaper changing table would not close properly and need to be repaired.

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: 10/2/2024

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

Please ensure that the fencing gaps are repaired and does not pose an entrapment hazard.

Correction Deadline: 10/1/2024**Technical Assistance**

Please be mindful and monitor the playground equipment for chipping paint and other hazards accessible.

Correction Deadline: 10/11/2024

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the provider that five out of nine infant feeding plans need to be updated.

Correction Deadline: 10/1/2024

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**

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

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

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

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**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 director on this date.

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-.33 Staff Training**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed staff completing health and safety within the first ninety days of hire.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2024

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.