



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/16/2024 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 3:50 PM **Departure:** 6:25 PM

CCLC-38278

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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.
12/16/2024	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
10/10/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
07/02/2024	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
Building II	L2(Infant 3)	Infants	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play,Diapering
Building II	R3(Toddlers1)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	21	C	13	NC	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 33			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Main	A		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	37	NC	34	NC	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	F		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	H		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 166			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 70			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 199			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building II	Big Playground (Preschool)	147	C
Building II	Little Playground (Toddler)	25	C
Main	A	12	C
Main	B	28	C
Main	C	35	C
Main	D	27	C
Main	E	68	C

Comments

A POI Follow Up Visit was conducted on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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.decgal.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 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 POI Follow Up:

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/10/2024

Corrected on 12/16/2024

.08(1)(a) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date in that based on a review of five childrens' records, all records included doctor's information as well as acknowledgement of special needs and allergies.

Facility

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(8) requires protective caps on all unused electrical outlets within children's reach and requires that electrical outlets in use be made inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that both pre-k classrooms had unused electrical outlets that did not have protective caps in place.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to check outlets and replace protective caps when needed and identify and monitor how outlets in use are inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 12/17/2024

Recited on 12/16/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2024

Corrected on 12/16/2024

.07(2) - This citation was corrected on this date in that through discussion with staff the consultant was told there was a meeting to discuss that teachers are now expected to write up observations of discomfort in a child and report it to management, who will then contact parents and share a copy of the documentation with the parents.

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2024

Corrected on 12/16/2024

.17(2) - this citation was observed to be corrected on this date in that through discussion with staff, the consultant was told that management met with staff in each classroom to review the expectation from the meeting and to report any child's discomfort was documented and reported to management

Staff Records

Correction Deadline: 10/10/2024

Corrected on 12/16/2024

.09(1)(j) - This citation was observed to be corrected in that based on a review of records all staff that there were on the premises had a current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter on file and there were not any staff present that did not have their Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter ported to the center.

Finding

591-1-1-.33(4) requires within the first year of employment, the Director and person with primary responsibility for food preparation shall have four clock hours of training in food nutrition planning, preparation, serving, proper dish washing and food storage. It was determined based on a review of records that the Director did not have the four hours of food nutrition training as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will schedule food preparation training, as required, and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 12/20/2024

Recited on 12/16/2024

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)-This citation was deferred until the next regulatory visit in 2025 when training for 2024 can be observed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 11/9/2024

Staffing and Supervision

Finding

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation that one teacher was in Room E with 13 three-year-old children, 14 four-year-old children and 10 six-year-old-and-older children for a ratio of 1:37 when a ratio of 2:37 was required. Additionally, one staff member was present on the playground with nine two-year-old children and 12 one-year-old children for a ratio of 1:21 when a ratio of 3:21 is required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 12/16/2024

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2024

Corrected on 12/16/2024

.32(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date in that staff members were supervising children in their care, responding to their needs and providing watchful oversight.