



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/23/2024 VisitType: LS POI Follow Up

Arrival: 12:30 PM Departure: 3:30 PM

CCLC-2289

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Same

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.
09/23/2024	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/23/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/22/2023	Licensing Study	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
I	A - 1st Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
I	B - 2nd Right		0	0	C	5	C	NA	NA	
I	C - 1st Left	GA PreK	2	17	C	32	C	NA	NA	Nap
I	D - 2nd Left	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
I	E - 3rd Left		0	0	C	44	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 108			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
II	F - Left Side	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
II	G - Right Side	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 26			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 50			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 134			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and Plan of Improvement/Follow Up.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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/RuleAndRegulations.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.state.ga.us 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 LS POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Doctor, Clinic, Phone Numbers

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(1) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that doctor contact information was documented within children's files on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/23/2024

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)	Met
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Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 5/31/2024

Corrected on 9/23/2024

.25(13) - Correction of previous citation in that there were no hazards accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)	Technical Assistance
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Correction Deadline: 6/7/2024

Corrected on 9/23/2024

.26(4) - Correction of previous citation in that playground fencing was observed to be in good repair on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(7) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that the stationary cars on both playgrounds had anchor ties replaced as needed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(8) - The Consultant discussed adding resilient surfacing such as rubber mulch around and under the stationary green slide and wooden climbing equipment on Playground II on this date. Climbing and swinging equipment are required to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone and must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. Please ensure that a minimum of six inches of resilient surfacing are added to these areas.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2024

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition	Met
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Correction Deadline: 5/23/2024

Corrected on 9/23/2024

.15(3) - Correction of previous citation in that baby bottles and sippy cups were observed to have individual labels on each bottle and sippy cup on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals	N/A
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	Met
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Comment

The Center does not participate in field trips at this time. The Center planned to conduct field trips in the future. The Consultant discussed field trip rules and regulations on this date.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicles were observed to have approved fire extinguishers and first aid kits on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2024

Corrected on 9/23/2024

.36(7)(c)2. - Correction of previous citation in that transportation documentation was observed to be completed with a check or other mark/symbol for weeks September 09, 2024 through September 20, 2024 for times that children entered and exited the vehicle.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2024

Corrected on 9/23/2024

.30(2)(c) - Correction of previous citation in that infants who were asleep were observed to be within their individual safety-approved cribs on this date.

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-.14 First Aid & CPR	Met
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Comment

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

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

The Consultant discussed the differences between Health and Safety Orientation training versus ten hours of diverse annual training on this date.

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.