



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/8/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 4:00 PM

CCLC-299

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Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
05/08/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
10/24/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
05/10/2022	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
Main	Room A-1L	One Year Olds	2	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Circle Time
Main	Room C-3R	One Year Olds	1	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Circle Time
Main	Room D-1L	Infants and One Year Olds	3	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Feeding
Main	Room D-2L	One Year Olds	2	5	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Diapering
Main	Room E-2L	One Year Olds	2	5	C	19	C	NA	NA	Clean Up,Lunch
Main	Room E-3L	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Lunch
Main	Room F-1R	One Year Olds	2	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room F-3R		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Room G-4L	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room G-4R	One Year Olds	2	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room H-3L	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room H-3R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	6	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room I-2R	One Year Olds	2	6	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Lunch
Main	Room J-1R	One Year Olds	2	6	C	18	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Room K-5R	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	18	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room L-7R	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside

Main	Room M-8R	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	17	C	NA	NA	Clean Up,Outside
Main	Room N (Afterschool)		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Clean Up,Not In Use

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 324

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 133

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant Playground	12	C
Main	Infant Playground	40	C
Main	PreK Playground	51	C
Main	Toddler I Playground	51	C
Main	Toddler II Playground	40	C

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to complete the complaint investigation and monitoring visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/08/2023

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.dec.al.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 user id 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!

Jill Upshaw, Program Official

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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

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)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06 - Bathrooms were observed to be clean and well maintained. Please ensure the exhaust fans in the bathroom are operable and that they are free of dust to provide adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious disease.

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)

Met

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on consultant [observation an active ant bed was observed along the fence on the outside playground. The active ant beds were accessible to all children on both playgrounds.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 5/8/2023**Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.10(4) - requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on consultant observation the diapering pad on the changing table in the 2L classroom was ripped exposing foam.

Correction Deadline: 5/8/2023**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

Comment

Please ensure soiled items are stored inaccessible to children.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.