



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/30/2023 **VisitType:** MV POI Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 12:50 PM

CCLC-2289

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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.
03/30/2023	MV POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
11/16/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
11/02/2022	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	One Year Olds	2	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Diapering, Story
I	B - 2nd Right	Infants	1	3	C	5	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Nap, Transitioning
I	C - 1st Left	GA PreK	2	16	C	32	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Story
I	D- 2nd Left		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
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	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Free Play, Story
II	G - Right Side	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	14	C	NA	NA	Art, Circle Time, Transitioning, TV
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 26			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 46			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 134			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

Director provided seven file(s) for employees hired since the last visit.

The purpose of the visit was to conduct an MV/POI/FU. The center does participate in transportation but does not currently participate in medication, field trips, or swimming.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/30/2023

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.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 1 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Cheray Tucker, Program Official

Date

Kesha McNeal, Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a MV 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.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

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.

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2022

Corrected on 3/30/2023

.25(13) - Previous citation observed corrected in that no hazardous items were inaccessible to children on this date.

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

591-1-1-.26(4) - Please ensure that fencing material does not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. On this date the consultant observed a three-inch gap located on the back middle section of the right playground.

Correction Deadline: 3/30/2023**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please ensure that playground equipment is free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. On this date the consultant observed the red, blue, and green non-mobile airplane on the left playground was missing the wheel on the right side causing a potential entrapment hazard.

Correction Deadline: 4/9/2023**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 the consultant's observation that on the left playground near the back section there was exposed concrete bricks not flushed in the ground causing a potential tripping hazard. It was further determined based on the consultant's observation that there was a wooden board located on the front section of the right playground near the building causing a potential tripping hazard.

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: 3/30/2023**Recited on 3/30/2023**

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Correction Deadline: 11/11/2022****Corrected on 3/30/2023**

.15(7) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the facility is not serving any foods that present a choking hazard.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.07(5) - Please ensure that Center Staff do not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items.

Correction Deadline: 3/30/2023

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**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 11/4/2022

Corrected on 3/30/2023

.36(3)(a-b) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the center director and the driver had obtained transportation training as required.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on the consultant's observation that an infant was observed sleeping in a crib with a bib around their neck and blanket placed over them.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 3/30/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - Please ensure that cots are stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space.

Correction Deadline: 3/30/2023

Staff Records

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

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided seven file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

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

Comment

Complete first aid kits observed on vehicles.

Correction Deadline: 11/12/2022

Corrected on 3/30/2023

.14(3) - Previous citation observed corrected in that the facility had obtained the missing items from the first aid kit.

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

Correction Deadline: 11/4/2022

Corrected on 3/30/2023

.33(2) - Previous citation observed corrected all staff had obtained initial orientation.

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**

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2022

Corrected on 3/30/2023

.32(7) - Previous citation observed corrected in that adequate supervision was observed and the center had taken active supervision training on this date.