



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 4/25/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 10:15 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-32934

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Quality Rated: No

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.
04/25/2023	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Support	
04/04/2023	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/13/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	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 1	B	One Year Olds	1	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Building 1	C		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Building 1	D	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	10	C	20	C	28	C	Transitioning, Lunch
Building 1	E		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	F	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	25	C	35	C	Outside
Building 1	Room A	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play, Floor Play, Feeding
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			109		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 137					
Building 2/gym	back left		0	0	C	7	C	10	C	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			7		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 137					
Total # Children this Date: 39			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 137					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Building 1	Infant/Toddler	54	C
Building 1	School-Age	69	C

Comments

An on-site complaint investigation was conducted on April 25, 2023. Background checks were all reviewed on April 25, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 04/25/2023

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

Kymille Hill, Program Official

Date

Jessica Johnson, Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/7/2023

Corrected on 4/25/2023

.03(2) - Citation corrected. The Consultant review classroom D and classroom F's lesson plans.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that a television was observed unsecured and wobbly on top of the back shelf near the girls restroom in classroom E.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 4/28/2023

Recited on 4/25/2023

Facility

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that a toilet cleaning brush was observed in an unlocked cabinet under the sink in the girls restroom in classroom E. It was further determined that a toilet cleaning brush was observed in an unlocked cabinet under the sink in the boys restroom in classroom E.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2023

Recited on 4/25/2023

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 the following hazards were observed:

Classroom C

Damaged ceiling tiles observed in the restroom in classroom C

Classroom D

- Cracked tile in the restroom area.
- Peeling paint on the wall in the dramatic area.

Classroom E

- Damaged ceiling tile in classroom E next to the white cabinet.

Classroom F

- Peeling paint observed on the block area wall.
- A red and white cord hanging from the ceiling next to the restroom door.

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: 5/9/2023

Recited on 4/25/2023

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.25(14) requires the Center to be lighted with a minimum of twenty-five foot candles of illumination except during rest periods. Areas used for napping shall be lit dimly. Not all rooms were appropriately illuminated when. It was determined based on observation that there was one light not working in classroom E.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

To ensure that appropriate lighting is provided, the center will replace all non-working light bulbs.

Correction Deadline: 5/9/2023

Recited on 4/25/2023

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

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be 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. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that chipped paint was observed throughout the large red, blue, and brown playground structure. It was further determined based on observation that chipped paint was observed on the blue car structure.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 5/9/2023

Recited on 4/25/2023

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 observation that the infant/toddler playground was observed with high grass.

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: 5/9/2023

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

Please be mindful of voice tone in redirecting children.

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

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observation that the cots in classroom F were observed uncovered and accessible to children in care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will store cots and mats so children do not have access to them and they don't take up play space and will store them so each child's bedding is separate from the others.

Correction Deadline: 5/5/2023

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)**Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.31(2)(b)2.-The Consultant will review staff #3's credential after the deadline date of May 5, 2023.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

A teacher/lead caregiver will be hired that meets the minimum academic requirements and qualifying work experience.

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2023