



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/21/2024 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:00 AM **Departure:** 5:45 PM

CCLC-62630
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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.
10/21/2024	Incident Investigation/Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/14/2024	Initial 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
Main	A 1R	Infants	2	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play,Feeding
Main	B 2R		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C 3R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	5	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D 4R		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	E 5R	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning
Main	F 6R	GA PreK	2	16	C	24	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Circle Time
Main	G Bk End	GA PreK	2	12	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	H 4L	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	8	C	33	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning
Main	I 3L	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap,Lunch
Main	J 2L		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	K 1L	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 89					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	68	C
Main	Playground B	145	C
Main	Playground C	60	C
Main	Playground D	17	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
6	4	16	21	39	6	12

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and Incident Investigation. Staff files, children files, and criminal records checks were reviewed.

Reminders:

- Please be sure to enter all temporary closures in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is closed temporarily for one day or more.
- Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the director. Consultant left a copy of Required Reporting Guidelines

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.decal.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 Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2024

Corrected on 10/21/2024

.12(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed appropriate chairs on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

Per director center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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 the following hazardous items were observed to be accessible to the children present for care during the visit:

- Classroom E: 5R - A broken light fixture and a toilet brush stored on the side of the toilet in the first restroom. Three packs of wipes stored in the an unlock drawer in a clear bin adjacent to the changing table.
- Classroom F: 6R - A toilet brush was sitting next to the toilet inside the restroom located on the left rear of the classroom.
- Classroom H: 4L - There were two bottles of antibacterial wipes and a hot glue gun stored in a black unlocked file cabinet stored in the left side of the classroom, also, a toilet brush was stored on the side of the toilet in the first restroom located on right side rear of the classroom
- Classroom K: 1L - A pack of wipes were stored on the sixth rack of a hanging shelf and a bottle of water clarifier was stored in a fish that was sitting on the back of the toilet in the restroom located in the left rear of the classroom.

All items contained the label "KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

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: 10/21/2024

Recited on 10/21/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Not Met

Comment

Please monitor the playground area for the following hazardous items:

- Exposed tree roots. (re-spray when needed)
- Normal wear and tear of fencing area surrounding playground(i.e., rust,chipped paint,etc.).
- Refluff resilient surface as needed.
- Standing water in and/or around playground equipment and/or toys.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Consultant discussed utilizing the playground checklist to maintain the safety of playground. Consultant discussed maintenance and variety of resilient surface option during visit.

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 Playground B had a round table located under the pavilion that was cracked with exposed wood.

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. Consultant emailed director a copy of playground checklist during visit.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2024

Recited on 10/21/2024

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

Consultant observed bottles covered and fully labeled with child's full name. Please ensure to replace the infant room refrigerator thermometer to ensure that items are stored properly.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

591-1-1-.18(8) - Please ensure that all containers used for food storage other than the original container or package has tight-fitting lids or covers and labeled with the date and the food contents.

Correction Deadline: 10/21/2024

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff stated 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**

Per director the center currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records a tornado drill was not conducted for the Month of August 2024. It was further determined a fire drill was not conducted for the month of April 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hold the drills as required and keep the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

Correction Deadline: 10/26/2024

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

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

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

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. - Consultant discussed with director to ensure to mark and/or symbolize the load/unload conducted during transportation.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Consultation discussed with the director the documents and procedures for transporting children.
Transportation checklist was emailed during visit.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2024

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

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Comment

Staff stated proper procedures of infant sleeping position.

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-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

Please be mindful of training First-Aid and CPR expiration dates. Ensure all staff has current First Aid and CPR on file.

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. Please ensure staff with foreign credentials verify credentials through GAPSC.

Staffing and Supervision**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met**

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2024

Corrected on 10/21/2024

.32(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed age-appropriate grouping on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Comment

Discussed ensuring active supervision is implemented during outdoor play. An active supervision plan was emailed to the director during visit.