



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/9/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:00 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

CCLC-38322

Kids "R" First Learning Center

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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.
05/09/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/28/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/31/2023	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
Main	A- 1st Right	Infants	1	5	C	7	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	B- 2nd Right	One Year Olds	2	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	C- 3rd Right	Two Year Olds	1	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	D- 4th Right	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E- 1st Left	Four Year Olds	1	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Story, Circle Time
Main	F- 2nd Left	Three Year Olds	2	12	C	18	C	25	C	Free Play, Centers
Main	G- 3rd Left		0	0	C	37	C	52	C	
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 120				
Total # Children this Date: 56			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 116			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 120			Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Main Plgd	251	C
Main	Small Playground	23	C

Comments

Monitoring visit conducted on this date.

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 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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2023

Corrected on 5/9/2024

.12(4) - The previous citation was corrected as there were no falling hazards present on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2023

Corrected on 5/9/2024

.35(3) - There was no swimming done since the last visit on this date.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2023

Corrected on 5/9/2024

.25(13) - The previous citation was corrected there were not any hazards accessible to children on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute mulch on playgrounds.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure 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. The steps on the large playground structure had peeling plastic which exposed rust.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2024

Technical Assistance

Please ensure 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. The main playground next to the basketball goals had tree branches hanging over the fence.

Correction Deadline: 5/9/2024

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

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2023

Corrected on 5/9/2024

.15(7) - The previous citation was corrected as there were no items on the menu that posed choking hazards.

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Evaluated****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication at this time.

Organization**591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License****Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.16(f) requires the Center to submit an application for an amended License at least 30 days prior to a change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department. It was determined based on observation the right side playground was added with no approved amendment.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

An application for amendment and all necessary documentation will be submitted.

Correction Deadline: 5/9/2024

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2023

Corrected on 5/9/2024

.13(2) - The previous citation was corrected as no field trips have been taken.

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. Consultant discussed with director the van ending in 9199 seat with exposed foam was covered with tape..

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2024

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed to review the emergency medical forms to ensure that all areas are filled out or marked "N/A or none". Also ensure new forms are filled out for the new upcoming school year.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2024

Comment

Consultant discussed with the director to use the transportation checklists form approved by the Department on the DECAL website as so the individual dates will be listed along the left side of the form with the days of the week.

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2024

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2023

Corrected on 5/9/2024

.36(7)(c)2. - The previous citation was corrected based on review of records that the driver or other designated person document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child entered and exited the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2023

Corrected on 5/9/2024

.36(7)(c)3. - The previous citation was corrected based on review of records the driver or other designated person document in writing the time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departed from the Center.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation two of seven cribs has loose fitting sheets in the first right classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that each crib has an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant.

Correction Deadline: 5/9/2024

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

Comment

Director provided one file for employee hired since last visit on this date.

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

Not Met

Comment

Please replace ointments in all vans.

Finding

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) requires, in a Center that provides transportation, that either the driver or another Staff person present on the vehicle have current evidence of successful completion of a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid offered by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and which dealt with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. It was determined based on review of records the driver on May 6, 2024 did not have current evidence of successful completion of a biennial training program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid offered by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will verify proof of CPR/1st aid training and schedule Staff so that there is always a staff person on the vehicle with this training.

Correction Deadline: 5/9/2024

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/28/2023

Corrected on 5/9/2024

.31(2)(c) - The previous citation was corrected the staff are currently enrolled in a CDA program. The professional development plans are on file, consultant will follow do a follow up.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.