



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/8/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:00 AM **Departure:** 3:30 PM

CCLC-46309

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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.
08/08/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
02/09/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
02/08/2024	Complaint Investigation & 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	Left Front	GA PreK	2	19	C	19	C	26	C	Transitioning
Main	Left Rear	Infants	2	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Main	Middle Left	One Year Olds	3	12	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Middle Right	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	31	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Right Front A (Nursery 2)		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	Right Front B (Pre-K)	GA PreK	2	19	C	25	C	35	C	Transitioning
Main	Right Rear	Three Year Olds	3	16	C	34	C	NA	NA	Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 164					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 166					
Total # Children this Date: 91			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 164			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 166			Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG- Left	28	C
Main	PG- Middle Playground	59	C
Main	PG- Right Playground	144	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit.

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!



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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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based upon observation that two out of two blue vinyl couches had exposed foam on the arms of each couch located in the reading center in the Middle Left Classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that equipment and furniture are used by the age-appropriate group of children.

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2024

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

N/A

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)

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(11) - The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that the flooring and carpeting is properly cleaned and sanitized.

Correction Deadline: 9/7/2024

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 upon observation that the following repairs were needed on this date:

Left Front Classroom:

-The ceiling tile in the right bathroom had water damage stains.

Middle Left Classroom:

- Chipping paint on the window sills on the back wall of the classroom.
- Chipping paint on the baseboards along the back wall of the classroom.

Middle Right Classroom:

- The ceiling tile outside of the children's bathroom had water damage stains.
- Chipping paint on the window sills.
- Chipping paint on the baseboards along the back wall of the classroom.

Right Rear Classroom:

- The ceiling tile in the back right corner of the classroom had water damage stains.

Right Front B (GA. Pre-K)

- The middle stall in the children's bathroom was missing the toilet paper dispenser causing three sharp screws to be exposed through the side of the bathroom stall divider on the left side of the toilet.
- The metal hardware that secured the bathroom stalls to the flooring in the children's bathroom were rusted and not in good repair.
- The baseboards and wall in the children's bathroom was stained with an unknown residue.

After-School/Cafeteria:

- The wooden baseboard around the toilets in the children's bathroom had water damage and were not in good repair.
- The baseboards were unclean and had an unknown residue throughout the classroom.

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: 8/23/2024

Recited on 8/8/2024

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

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 8/16/2024

Corrected on 8/8/2024

.26(4) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed the fencing to be in good repair on this date.

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 upon observation that the following equipment hazards were observed accessible to children on this date:

Left Playground:

- The back of three out of three seats on the red Kaplan tricycles were cracked with sharp exposed edges.
- An unsecured wooden board along the bottom of the fencing on the backside of the playground was weathered and had exposed sharp pieces of splintering wood protruding from the top of the wooden board.

Middle Playground:

- The wooden barrier around the sand box was weathered and had splintering wood throughout.
- The wooden structure located on the back middle side of the playground was weathered and had splintering wood throughout the structure.

Right Playground:

- A large black tote was cracked with exposed sharp edges on the front top of the playground.
- A large blue tote was cracked with exposed sharp edges on the front top of the playground.
- The wooden barrier around the swing set was weathered and had splintering wood throughout.
- The wooden climbing play structure on the bottom left side of the playground was weathered and had splintering wood throughout the 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: 8/30/2024

Recited on 8/8/2024

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 upon observation that the following hazards were observed on this date:

Left Playground:

- Exposed tree roots in front of the gate doors at the bottom of the playground.
- Exposed bricks on the bottom of the walkway ramp leading to Middle Left Classroom.

Middle Playground:

- Exposed tree roots on the middle top of the playground and on the bottom right side of the playground.
- Exposed concrete edges at the bottom of the walkway leading to the classroom's entrance.
- Exposed concrete edges under the rain gutter on the top left corner of the playground.

Right Playground:

- Litter throughout the playground area.
- Exposed concrete edges under the gate pole on the front right top of the playground.
- Exposed tree roots throughout the playground.

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: 8/30/2024

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

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

Comment

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

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

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

	Staff Records
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591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) **Not Met**

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based upon a review of records that Staff # 1 had a Comprehensive Records Check Determination that had expired on January 10, 2024, and had worked while children were present in the two-year-old classroom without a lapse of employment from the Center prior to receiving a new valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter on July 17, 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will watch the videos to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will watch the videos to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(l)3. requires the Center to immediately require a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination for a Director, Employee or Provisional Employee at least once every five years. It was determined based upon a review of records that Staff # 1 had a Comprehensive Records Check Determination that expired on January 10, 2024 and had not completed the finger printing process every five years as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will watch the videos to ensure that each Director, Employee and Provisional Employee has a Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file that has been issued within the past five years. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will watch the videos to ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2024

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

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

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based upon observation that two staff members were laying out children's cots and one staff member was standing at the children's handwashing sink and were not seated within arm's length away while twelve one-year-old children were seated and eating lunch.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff and monitor to ensure they are providing supervision and watchful oversight to the children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 8/8/2024