



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/12/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:00 AM **Departure:** 1:00 PM

CCLC-52252

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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.
09/12/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/15/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/09/2022	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
Main	A-1L- Infants & 1's	Infants	1	2	C	10	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B-Middle-3's & Up	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	4	C	71	C	100	C	Nap
Main	C-Middle R-1's		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	D-Back-2's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	6	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 128					

Total # Children this Date: 12	Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 113	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 128	Building @25 capacity limited by Building Department
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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A-All Ages	98	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and follow up on previous rule violations.

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.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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 user id 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.state.ga.us 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:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - Discussed with provider to monitor and ensure the computer monitors in the front right room are secured with a heavy strap or velcro to prevent a tipping hazard from developing.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2023

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

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.

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Consultant discussed with Provider to monitor the back toddler classroom cabinets and ensure all hazards are stored inaccessible to children; including baby wipes and plastic bags.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure all lights are in good working order - one light in the girls bathroom and one light in the back toddler classroom was observed to out on this date. Also discussed to monitor the paint in the boys back bathroom, where chipping is developing and ensure it is repaired or repainted.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - Discussed with Provider to ensure the outlets in the back toddler classroom are all covered with safety covers.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed with Provider to repair or replace the fencing on the back left side of the playground where one pole is becoming detached from the fencing; and the back left corner where one pole is loose and missing the pole cap.

Also discussed with Provider to monitor the right front fencing to ensure it is four feet high in all places.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2023

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.18(5) - Consultant discussed with Provider to ensure the fridge thermometer remains under 40 degrees, as well as a thermometer is placed in the freezer, ensuring the temperature is under zero degrees.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2023

Health and Hygiene**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**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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**

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

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

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. - Discussed with Provider to ensure the first and second checks are documented immediately following the transportation trip.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2023

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(2) - Consultant discussed with Provider and staff to ensure infants do not have pacifier attachments while in cribs.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2023

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 four file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(1) - Discussed with Provider to ensure all staff take CPR/ First Aid certification with a hands on portion if it is an online course.

Correction Deadline: 10/12/2023

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

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2022

Corrected on 9/12/2023

.33(5) - Correction of the previous citation in that all staff hired over a year ago, were observed to have evidence of completing the required ten hours of annual training for 2022.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.