



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/9/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:10 AM **Departure:** 1:05 PM

CCLC-3548

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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.
11/09/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/13/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/22/2022	Monitoring Visit	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	Cafeteria		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm 1 (First Right)	Infants	2	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Rm 10 (4th Lt.)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Main	Rm 12 (5th Lt.)	Four Year Olds	3	2	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm 3 (2nd Rt.)	One Year Olds	1	3	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Rm 4 (1st Lt.)	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	8	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm 5 (3rd Rt.)	Three Year Olds	2	3	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm 6 (2nd Lt.)	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm 7 (4th Rt. Therapy)	Three Year Olds	1	3	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Rm 8 (3rd Lt.)	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm 9 (Pre-K-5th & 6th Rt)	GA PreK	2	7	C	24	C	NA	NA	Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 149						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 57			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 149			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Infant Playground	7	C
Main	Lt. Playground	91	C
Main	Rt. Playground	122	C

Comments

A monitoring visit was conducted on this date. A one-day letter was left at the center. The video affidavit is to be submitted by November 17, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/09/2023

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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!

Stacey Davis, Program Official

Date

Stacey Foston, Regional Consultant

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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: 6/13/2023

Corrected on 11/9/2023

.12(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. All equipment was secured as required.

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

Correction Deadline: 6/20/2023

Corrected on 11/9/2023

.08(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The center has revised the enrollment forms.

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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(11) - Discussed with staff about finding a new material to cover the frayed edges of the carpet in room 3.

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2023

Correction Deadline: 6/13/2023

Corrected on 11/9/2023

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. There were no hazards accessible to the children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Food Service

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

Correction Deadline: 6/14/2023

Corrected on 11/9/2023

.15(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The required feeding forms were posted in the classroom.

Health and Hygiene

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

The 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**

The Center does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

The cribs were in good condition. The children's mats were stored as required.

Correction Deadline: 6/14/2023**Corrected on 11/9/2023****.30(1)(a)3 - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The crib sheets were in good condition.**

Staff Records

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 on a review of records that staff #29 who was working in the classroom did not have a current and valid comprehensive background check on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will 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 ensure the CRC rules are maintained. During the visit, the center submitted an application and the staff person left to scan their fingerprints. The video affidavit is to be submitted by November 17, 2023.

Correction Deadline: 11/9/2023**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 on a review of records that staff # 29 had an expired background check and was observed working in the classroom on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will 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 ensure CRC rules are maintained. During the visit, the center submitted an application and the staff person left to scan their fingerprints.

Correction Deadline: 11/9/2023

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

591-1-1-.33(5)-Annual training for the year 2022 was evaluated on June 13, 2023. Annual training for the year 2023 will be evaluated during the first visit of the new year.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The staff has started training for the year 2023. The center will ensure all required staff completes a minimum of ten hours of annual training for the year 2023.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.