



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/8/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:20 AM **Departure:** 4:15 PM

CCLC-54316

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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.
10/08/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/28/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
05/30/2024	Complaint Investigation & 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	2R GYM Bettas	GA PreK	2	13	C	26	C	NA	NA	TV,Snack
Main	4R GYM 2nd Floor		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	5R GYM 2nd Floor	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	5	C	30	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Clean Up
Main	6R GYM 2nd Floor		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	A-Tadpoles	Infants	2	12	C	19	C	NA	NA	Diapering,Free Play,Nap
Main	B-Tangs	One Year Olds	1	4	C	18	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C- Dolphins	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	28	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D- Clownfish	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	28	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	E- Angel Fish	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	F- Sailfish	One Year Olds	2	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	G- Starfish	One Year Olds	3	16	C	19	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	GYM 1R Bettas	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	14	C	18	C	NA	NA	Snack
Main	GYM 3R		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	H- Sea Horse	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	21	C	29	C	NA	NA	Clean Up,Snack
Main	I-Sea Dragon	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	30	C	NA	NA	Clean Up

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 329

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	ASP Playground	68	C
Main	Large Playground	282	C
Main	Small Playground	81	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
24	37	39	37	39	0	13

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a License Study Visit and to follow-up from the previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/08/2024

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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

The center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 3

Child # 2

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing

Child # 3

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing,.08(1)-Parent Names, Work Numbers

Child # 5

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)(a)-Work Address Missing

Finding

591-1-1-.08(1) requires the Center Staff to maintain a file for each child while such child is in care and for one year after that child is no longer enrolled. In order for the file to be complete, the file shall contain the following: child's name, birth date, sex, address, living arrangement, name of school if applicable; names of both Parents, home and work addresses, and home and work telephone numbers; name(s) and addresses of the person(s) to whom the child may be released including address, telephone numbers, relationship to child and to Parent(s), and other identifying information; name(s) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact in emergencies when the Parent cannot be reached; name and telephone number of the child's primary source of health care; and a statement regarding known allergies, physical problems, mental health disorders, intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities which limit the child's participation in the program. It was determined based on review of children's records, the following items were not included: 3 of 5 records did not include the work addresses for both parents and 1 of 5 records did not include the father's contact information.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center staff will develop a plan that includes how to obtain all required information for currently enrolled children and how to ensure this is done for future enrollees as well. The plan will also include how and where to maintain files for the required amount of time. The plan will be implemented and followed.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2024

		Facility
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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)**Met****Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation there was a 6 1/2 inch gap located at the bottom of the gate between covered area and back right playgrounds, the prongs at the bottom of the gate was observed to be coming apart at the bottom of the gate to the right of that area and the fence was observed to be bowing up at the bottom to the right of the gate with a gap. The fencing throughout the playground needs to be monitored or repaired.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 10/22/2024

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 on observation, a hole was observed on the front right playground, posing a tripping hazard to children in care.

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: 10/15/2024

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper hand washing procedures.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

N/A

Comment

No medication is being dispensed at this time.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Comment

Program was observed to complete emergency drills as required.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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)

N/A

Comment

The center does not provide routine transportation at this time.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

A pleasant naptime environment was observed.

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 Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.	
591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Met
Comment Documentation observed of required staff training.	
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 The center was observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.	
591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)	Met
Comment Adequate supervision observed on this date.	
Correction Deadline: 6/11/2024	
Corrected on 10/8/2024 .32(7) - This has been corrected and discussed with the director.	