



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/22/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 9:30 AM **Departure:** 5:30 PM

CCLC-53834

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Quality Rated: No

<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.
01/22/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/22/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
10/30/2023	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	A: 2L (inside L)	One Year Olds	1	4	C	4	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding
Main	B: 2L (inside R)	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap
Main	C: 4L	One Year Olds	2	10	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	D: Middle	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	15	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Free Play
Main	E: 2R	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F: 3R	Three Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	G: 4R	GA PreK	2	20	C	26	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	H: 3rd Middle		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 137					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 83		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 137			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A: Infants/Toddlers	38	C
Main	C: Left Back	116	C

Comments

CI/FU was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed 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.decal.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@decal.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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2023

Corrected on 1/22/2024

Correction of citation in that the wooden shelves were observed to be sturdy and secured on this date. Consultant spoke with Quality Rated consultant on site who stated the shelves did not need to be moved due to them being needed to separate each area.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2023

Corrected on 1/22/2024

Correction of citation in that bathrooms were clean and the staff members reported that they are cleaned daily as required.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2023

Corrected on 1/22/2024

Correction of citation in that hazards were observed to be locked and inaccessible to children on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2023

Corrected on 1/22/2024

Correction of citation in that the playgrounds were observed to be clean, free from litter and hazards on this date.

Health and Hygiene

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2023**Corrected on 1/22/2024**

Correction of citation in that the director ordered new diaper changing pads and had them in each classroom. The diaper changing pads were observed to be smooth and nonporous as required for each classroom.

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2023**Corrected on 1/22/2024**

Correction of citation in that the staff members stated proper knowledge of handwashing procedures on this date.

Safety

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillight, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshield and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based on a review of records that the van ending in tag 9722 was noted as needing an alignment and the center had no documentation of repair. It was further determined that the van ending in tag number 9723 was noted as needing front brake pads and based on the receipt from the mechanic, the replacement was declined by the center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain the annual vehicle inspection.

Correction Deadline: 1/29/2024**Recited on 1/22/2024****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires 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. It was determined based on observation that the van ending in tag 9722 had trash on the floors and the floor mats were not flushed posing a tripping hazard. It was further determined that the van ending in tag number 9723, the material on the roof was falling from the ceiling.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 1/29/2024**Recited on 1/22/2024****Correction Deadline: 10/31/2023****Corrected on 1/22/2024**

Correction of citation in that documentation of load and unload was accounted for during morning and afternoon school transportation for the past two weeks.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2023**Corrected on 1/22/2024**

Correction of citation in that documentation was observed for the time of arrival and departure each time children entered and existed the vehicles during afternoon transportation.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2023**Corrected on 1/22/2024**

Correction of citation in that documentation was completed of the first check during afternoon school transportation for the previous two weeks.

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2023

Corrected on 1/22/2024

Correction of citation in that documentation of the second check was observed for the past two weeks for morning transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2023

Corrected on 1/22/2024

Correction of citation in that the director stated new crib sheets were ordered and placed on the mattress. Consultant observed all crib sheets to be tight-fitted on this date.

Staff Records

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

Defer

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2023

Corrected on 1/22/2024

Correction of citation in that the director had a Masters degree in Teaching and Learning.

Defer

This citation will be deferred and re-evaluated during the next regulatory visit. The director reported that one staff member obtained their CDA; however, the other staff members were newly hired and have up to six months to enroll in a program for their credential. The hire dates ranged from August 1, 2023 to October 23, 2023. The director will place the necessary documents in the staff files for review upon their next regulatory visit.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will review lead teacher records to ensure the required documentation is on file and will obtain and file it if not found.

Correction Deadline: 10/30/2023

Staffing and Supervision

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure 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.

Correction Deadline: 1/22/2024