



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/14/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:15 AM

Departure: 1:00 PM

CCLC-25658

Children Unique-Windsor Spring Road

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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.
03/14/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/02/2023	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
06/02/2023	Complaint Closure	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	1st Back Left	GA PreK	2	16	C	40	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	1st Back Right	Two Year Olds	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Diapering
Main	1st Front Left		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	1st Front Right	Infants and One Year Olds	2	8	C	11	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Free Play, Music, Floor Play
Main	2nd Back Left		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	2nd Back Right		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	2nd Front Right		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Main	Far Back Left		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	Middle	Three Year Olds	2	22	C	29	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 175					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 66					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Small	22	C
Main	Large-Play	47	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/14/2024

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!

Verwanda Childress, Program Official

Date

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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-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2023

Corrected on 3/14/2024

.03(9) - Correction of previous citation in that Center Staff ensured that children present were in a safe environment with developmentally appropriate activities according to their age group.

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2023

Corrected on 3/14/2024

.12(4) - Correction of previous citation in that the television was removed from the 1st Back Left Classroom on this date.

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

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Correction Deadline: 10/12/2023

Corrected on 3/14/2024

.08(2) - Correction of previous citation in that immunizations were compliant on this date.

Evening Care

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

N/A

Comment

No evening care hours provided

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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)

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 6/23/2023

Corrected on 3/14/2024

.26(4) - Correction of previous citation in that the wooden gate on the left side of Large- Play playground was free of gaps and in good repair on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please ensure that scooter handlebars are regularly maintained and repaired as needed. Please ensure that the bottom top stair on the stationary equipment on Large-Play playground is free from cracks and rust.

Correction Deadline: 3/24/2024

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation that three infants had pacifier straps attached to the front of their clothing on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2024

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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**591-1-1-.05 Animals****N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

A current/completed inspection was observed for vehicle AXK2663 used in transporting children on this date. Vehicle CLY6415 was used as a rental and was also inspected on this date. Vehicle BQH1438 was in the shop on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2023

Corrected on 3/14/2024

.36(7)(c)2. - Correction of previous citation in that Transportation documentation was up to date and complete on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2023

Corrected on 3/14/2024

.36(7)(d)2. - Correction of previous citation in that Transportation documentation was up to date and complete on this date.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - The Consultant and the Director discussed using a large covering for cots when in storage for classroom 1st Back Left.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2024

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2023

Corrected on 3/14/2024

.09(1)(a) - Correction of previous citation in that Comprehensive Records Checks were up to date for Center Staff on this date.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2023

Corrected on 3/14/2024

.09(1)(c) - Correction of previous citation in that Comprehensive Records Checks were up to date for Center Staff on this date.

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

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