



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/23/2024 VisitType: Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:30 AM

Departure: 3:15 PM

CCLC-38836

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Quality Rated: No

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.
01/23/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
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06/27/2022	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	A- First Floor - 6wk - 12mth	Infants	3	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	B- First Floor- 6wk - 12mth	Infants	2	7	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C First Floor - 6wk - 18mth	One Year Olds	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	D- First Floor - 6wk - 18mth	One Year Olds	2	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	E- First Floor- 18 - 24 mths	One Year Olds	2	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	F- First Floor- 18 - 24mths	One Year Olds	1	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G- First Floor- 24 - 30 mths	Two Year Olds	2	14	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	H- First Floor- 30 - 35mth	Two Year Olds	2	17	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	J- Second Floor	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	K- second floor	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	13	C	25	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	L -second floor- 24 - 35mth	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	M- second floor	Three Year Olds	2	14	C	27	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	N-second floor	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	5	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 229						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Left	63	C
Main	B- Back infant/toddler	24	C

Comments

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

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/23/2024

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!

Catina Smith, 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-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

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

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based upon observation that there was one can of Lysol Disinfectant Spray, and two packs of vinyl gloves in an unlocked cabinet under the diapering sink in Classroom C. It was further determined that there was two packs of Pampers Baby Wipes, two packs of Honest Baby Wipes, one box of vinyl gloves, and a stack of plastic bags in the boy's bathroom in Classroom N.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2024

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

591-1-1-.26(8) - The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that the resilient surface on the back play ground is in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 2/2/2024**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(9) - The Consultant and Provider discussed ensuring that the turf on the Left Playground is flush to prevent a potential tripping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2024

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Correction Deadline: 1/23/2023****Corrected on 1/23/2024**

.18(5) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed that children's cups containing milk were refrigerated as required on this date.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health**Met****Correction Deadline: 1/23/2023****Corrected on 1/23/2024**

.07(5) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant did not observe children to have a pacifier attached to their clothing on this date.

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

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based upon observation that a child did not immediately wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water after the child was in contact with mucus from their nose in Classroom E. It was further determined that a child became in contact with their bodily fluids after putting their thumb in their mouth and did not immediately wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water in Classroom G.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 1/23/2024

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

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-.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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Correction Deadline: 2/22/2023

Corrected on 1/23/2024

.33(5) - Previous citation observed to be corrected in that the Consultant observed records of completion of ten hours of diverse annual training for staff members 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

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

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

Comment

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