



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/31/2024 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:00 AM **Departure:** 1:20 PM

CCLC-62023

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Same

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.
05/31/2024	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/31/2024	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
12/12/2023	ILS with PTO	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	1L-Infant	Infants and One Year Olds	3	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Breakfast,Floor Play
Main	1R-Preschool	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	4	22	C	44	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Middle-Toddler	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	10	C	24	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			87		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 41			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	76	C
Main	Playground C	44	C
Main	pygd B-behind ctr	20	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and Complaint Investigation. Staff files and criminal records checks were reviewed.

Reminders:

Please be sure to enter all temporary closures in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is closed temporarily for one day or more.

Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the director. Consultant left a copy of Required Reporting Guidelines

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/31/2024

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.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@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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed a variety of equipment and toys throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

Per director the 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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25 - Please ensure that all hazardous items and/or equipment (i.e., bleach, brooms, diaper wipes, etc.) are stored in a locked cabinet and/or container inaccessible to children at all times.

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2023

Corrected on 5/31/2024

.25(19) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Director stated the space is not in use and is in the process of being license.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26 - Please monitor the playground area for the following hazardous items:

- Exposed tree roots.
- Height of the fence surrounding the playground areas, ensure the fence maintain the height of four feet at all times..
- Tree branches hanging over the playground area.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2023

Corrected on 5/31/2024

.10(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed ventilation in both classroom IR and Middle classroom on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/12/2023

Corrected on 5/31/2024

.10(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. Consultant observed a diapering table present inside the classroom on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

N/A

Comment

Per director the center 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

Per director the center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Met

Comment

Consultant observed cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

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.

Comment

Director provided five staff files for employees hired since last visit conducted on August 29, 2023.

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**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.