



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/4/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 1:05 PM **Departure:** 6:00 PM

CCLC-178

Today's Kids of Suwanee

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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.
12/04/2024	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/05/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/28/2023	TA Follow Up	NA	

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	Infants	2	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Snack
Main	1R		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	2L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	2R	Three Year Olds	2	8	C	23	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	3L		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	3R		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	4L	GA PreK	2	18	C	19	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	4R	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	5L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	9	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap,Transitionin g
Main	5R		0	0	C	15	C	NA	NA	
Main	6L	GA PreK	2	17	C	26	C	37	C	Nap
Main	Back	GA PreK	2	19	C	27	C	37	C	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 235					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 256		Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request			
Total # Children this Date: 96					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 256		Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	8	C

Main	Playground B	10	C
Main	Playground C	39	C
Main	Playground D	16	C
Main	Playground E	79	C
Main	Playground F	62	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
5	5	15	19	46	18	20

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study. Staff files, children files, and criminal records checks were reviewed. Center is under new management; consultant discussed the following:

- 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.
- All amendments are required to be electronically entered in DECAL KOALA effective August 2, 2021.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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 Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Consultant discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

Director stated that the center discarded material because materials were broken; center is in the process of ordering new material.

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

Met

Comment

Per director 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.

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

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please ensure that all hazardous items and/or equipment (i.e., plastic bags, diaper wipes, etc.) are stored in a locked cabinet and/or container in accessible to children at all times.

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Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please monitor the playground area for the following hazardous items:

- Normal wear and tear of the fence surrounding the playground areas.
- Normal wear and tear of playground equipment (i.e., chipped paint,etc.).
- Please ensure to flush resilient mats are flushed into the resilient surface.

Consultant emailed director a playground checklist during

Correction Deadline: 12/4/2024

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Consultant discussed with director to ensure that bottles are labeled with child's full name and dates.
Consultant also discussed with director to ensure the refrigerator has thermometer to ensure the bottles are stored at the appropriate temperature.

Comment

The menu is in the process of being revised; revised menu meets USDA guidelines.

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**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

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-.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**

Per director center does not participate in field trips at this time. Center only participates in in house field trips.

Comment

Per director center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. Staff stated proper sleeping position for infant on this date.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Staff Records**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided nine files for employees hired since last visit conducted June 5, 2024. Consultant observed nine of nine staff to have satisfactory comprehensive records check on this date.

Comment

Please be mindful of training expiration dates.

Comment

Discussed: Health and Safety Training is required for each staff member with direct care responsibilities within 90 calendar days of their hire date.

Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

Staffing and Supervision**Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Comment

Discussed combining children of mixed ages. Consultant emailed a mixed-age group form to director during visit.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(7) - Consultant discussed active supervision during restroom transitions. Active supervision form was emailed to director during visit.

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