



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/4/2024 **VisitType:** POI Follow Up

Arrival: 10:20 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-35493

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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.
12/04/2024	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
11/07/2024	TA Follow Up	NA	
10/04/2024	Initial-TA	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	A 1st Left Blue	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	17	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers, Transitioning
Main	B 2nd Left Green	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	21	C	30	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Centers
Main	C 3rd Left Mint	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	19	C	30	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	D 1st right Daisy	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	31	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	E 2nd Right Tulip	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	14	C	30	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	F 3rd Rt Yellow	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	21	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 181					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 101					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG Front Rt Elementary	13	C

Comments

The purpose of this was to conduct a POI follow-up. Criminal records and field trips records were reviewed today.

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.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!



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Safety

591-1-1.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/7/2024

Corrected on 12/4/2024

.13(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed center to have field trip permission forms and student information form on file for field trips conducted October 8, 2024 and a ongoing field trip for August 2024-May 2025 to Sharon Forks Library. Consultant discussed with director to ensure that parent notate the Medical Facility the center uses in case of emergency. Consultant emailed a vehicle emergency form during visit.

Staff Records

591-1-1.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)

Met

Comment

Director provided one staff file for employees hired since last visit conducted on August 1, 2024. Consultant observed new hire to have a satisfactory records check electronically on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2024

Corrected on 12/4/2024

.09(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant completed a criminal record check, consultant observed staff to have submitted both a record check application and fingerprints to authorized fingerprinting site on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/7/2024

Corrected on 12/4/2024

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant completed a criminal record check, consultant observed all staff to have a satisfactory comprehensive record check electronically on this date.

591-1-1.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/6/2024

Corrected on 12/4/2024

.33(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed staff to have documentation of orientation on file on this date.