



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/18/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:15 AM **Departure:** 4:30 PM

CCLC-39820

The Children's Courtyard

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Quality Rated: ★

<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.
07/18/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/14/2024	TA Follow Up	NA	
02/01/2024	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-Front Middle		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	B-Front Left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Floor Play
Main	C-2nd Left	One Year Olds	2	8	C	13	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	D-3rd Left	One Year Olds	3	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside, Transitioning
Main	E-4th Left		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	F-Back Left Side	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	4	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	G-Back Middle	Three Year Olds	3	19	C	25	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	H-Front Right		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I-2nd Right	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	3	20	C	25	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	J-2nd Middle	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	19	C	25	C	NA	NA	Art
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 196					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 100					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd-Front Left	33	C

Main	Plgd-Front Right	10	C
Main	Plgd-Rear Left	29	C
Main	Plgd-Rear Right	51	C

Comments

7/18/2024 The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 08/01/2024

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.decgal.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:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2024

Corrected on 7/18/2024

.03(9) - The previous citation was corrected. Consultant did not observe any staff members picking up a child in a manner that could cause injury on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(2) requires that all equipment and furniture be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. It was determined based on observation the following equipment and furniture was not in good repair:

F-Back Left Side Classroom

* The handles on the kitchen set were broken.

Correction Deadline: 8/9/2024

Recited on 7/18/2024

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2024

Corrected on 7/18/2024

.12(6) - The previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

	Facility
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591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.

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 on observation the following hazards were present:

G-Back Middle Classroom

* Isopropyl Alcohol, shaving cream, fabuloso and air freshener that reads "Keep out of reach of children", were in an unlocked cabinet accessible to children in care.

*Two pair of adult scissors, two adult staplers and a screw driver were in an unlocked drawer accessible to children in care.

J-2nd Middle Classroom

* A black book bag on a low hanging hook underneath the cubbies, that contained Synthetic Nicotine Free Noms that stated "Keep out of reach of children" located in the classroom accessible to children in care.

*Plunger located on the floor in the boys bathroom.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2024

Recited on 7/18/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation the following was not in good repair:

E-4th Left

* The fluorescent light in the ceiling was cracked.

F-Back Left Side

* The metal fixture which connected the water line in the back of the toilet was rusted.

Correction Deadline: 8/9/2024

Recited on 7/18/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR) **Met**

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2023

Corrected on 7/18/2024

.26(4) - The previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed black mesh on the fence to cover gaps.

Food Service

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

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed on this date.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication at this time.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures **Met**

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills on this date.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting **Met**

Comment

Thank you for reporting as required.

Safety

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

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises at this time.

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2024

Corrected on 7/18/2024

.11(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected in that, on the day of the visit, no staff member was seen force feeding infants, or handling the infants roughly or inflicting corporal/physical punishment upon a child, or handling the infants in a manner that caused a child to stumble.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.13(2) requires Center Staff to obtain written permission from Parents in advance of the child's participation in any field trip and such permission must be signed and dated by a Parent. It was determined based on review of records on Tuesday July 9, 2024, on a field trip to Creative Cafe, center staff failed to obtain written permission from one of 18 parents in advance of the child's participation in the field trip.

Correction Deadline: 7/18/2024

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/22/2024

Corrected on 7/18/2024

.36(4)(a) - The previous citation was corrected. NO795 inspection completed January 25, 2024. Q6755 inspection completed January 23, 2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position on this date.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Director provided four file(s) for employees that were hired since last visit on January 17, 2024.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Met

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2024

Corrected on 7/18/2024

.31(2)(b)2. - The previous citation was corrected. Consultant reviewed documentation of thirteen staff members signed up for online CDA courses.

Staffing and Supervision

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 1/17/2024

Corrected on 7/18/2024

.32(7) - The previous citation was corrected. Consultant observed children being supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child.