



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/14/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 7:30 AM **Departure:** 10:00 AM

CCLC-28751

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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.
11/14/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
04/30/2024	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
04/29/2024	Incident Investigation/Monitoring Visit	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	Infants and One Year Olds	2	4	C	17	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	B	Infants	3	8	C	14	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap,Feeding
Main	C	One Year Olds	2	12	C	14	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	D	One Year Olds	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	E	One Year Olds	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	F	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	G	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	4	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	H	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	I		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Main	J	Three Year Olds	2	11	C	20	C	28	C	Breakfast
Main	K	GA PreK	2	20	C	26	C	36	C	Transitioning
Main	L	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	13	C	25	C	35	C	Centers
Main	M	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	N	Two Year Olds	1	2	C	10	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	O	Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	11	C	32	C	45	C	Breakfast
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 260			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 301							
Total # Children this Date: 120			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 301							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground E	58	C
Main	Playground A	12	C
Main	playground B	44	C
Main	playground C	50	C
Main	playground D	50	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
20	32	31	29	48	15	66

Comments

No plan developed.

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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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

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

Not Evaluated

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)

Technical Assistance

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Consultant discussed that safety latches in Room E and N on the counters needs to be replaced to ensure the hazards remain inaccessible to children in care.

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2024

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the ceiling tile in Room G, I and J need to be replaced and the wood around the floor in the back left corner of Room I was in need of repair.

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2024

591-1-1-26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

Correction Deadline: 4/29/2024

Corrected on 11/14/2024

.17(7) - Citation observed to be corrected.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met**

Correction Deadline: 4/30/2024

Corrected on 11/14/2024

.11(1) - Citation corrected.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Consultant discussed the three emergency medical forms need physician information and emergency contact information completed.

Correction Deadline: 11/19/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

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: 5/29/2024

Corrected on 11/14/2024

.33(3) - Citation corrected.

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

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 4/29/2024

Corrected on 11/14/2024

.32(4) - Ciation observed to be corrected.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.