



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/26/2024 VisitType: LS POI Follow Up Arrival: 11:00 AM Departure: 3:00 PM

CCLC-1490

Childcare Network #9

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Quality Rated: No

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.
01/26/2024	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
12/04/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/21/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
			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 the rules.
			Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Building 1	Front-5+yr/Red	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	22	C	22	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Building 1	FrontLt-Pre-K/1		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	Lf Bk 3's	GA PreK	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap, Transitioning
Building 1	Pre-K/3		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Building 1	Right Back-Pre-K2	Two Year Olds	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 109					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Building II	1st Lt-Two's	Two Year Olds	2	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Transitioning, Nap
Building II	1st Rt-Infants	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Nap
Building II	Mid-1yr-Toddler	Infants	1	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 42					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 72					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Comments

January 26, 2024--The visit was completed on this date. The findings were discussed with the Director.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/26/2024

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.dec.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.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Leslie Thornton, Program Official

Date

Penny Svenson, Regional Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a LS POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/9/2024

Corrected on 1/26/2024

The correction was made. Staff were retrained on properly redirecting children and going to the child instead of telling them with words only.

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)

Met

Comment

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-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)	Met
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Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 12/4/2023

Corrected on 1/26/2024

The corrections were observed on this date. The toilet seats were replaced. The wall was repaired.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 12/14/2023

Corrected on 1/26/2024

The corrections were observed on this date.

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations	Met
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Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health	Technical Assistance
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Technical Assistance

The Consultant discussed with the new director and staff member that pacifier clips were not allowed for any age.

Correction Deadline: 1/26/2024

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)	Not Met
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Correction Deadline: 12/15/2023

Corrected on 1/26/2024

The correction was made. One of the four members of management conducts a separate check in addition to the second check conducted after each bus route.

Finding

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that a staff member did not wash a two-year-old child's hands after their diaper was changed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 1/26/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that a staff member did not wash their hands after they changed a diaper for a two-year-old child and they were observed to touch another child's blanket.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 1/26/2024

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

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals	Met
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	Met
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Correction Deadline: 12/15/2023

Corrected on 1/26/2024

The correction was made. The Director implemented an additional vehicle check after transportation is provided. Further, the Director requires all staff members to take the two hour transportation training.

Correction Deadline: 12/5/2023

Corrected on 1/26/2024

The correction was observed during a review of records.

Correction Deadline: 12/15/2023

Corrected on 1/26/2024

The correction was made. The Director implemented an additional vehicle check after transportation is provided. Further, the Director requires all staff members to take the two hour transportation training. Also, the correction was observed during a review of records.

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Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Comment

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/15/2023

Corrected on 1/26/2024

The correction was made. The Director requires that all staff take the two hour transportation class. Further, staff were trained on checking vehicles after transportation was provided. Also, one of four members of management conducts an additional check after the second check is conducted.