



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/13/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:40 AM **Departure:** 3:40 PM

CCLC-36308

Childcare Network #235

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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.
05/13/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
12/05/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
11/30/2022	Licensing Study	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	Rm. Preschool 3A-4th Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	15	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	A 1st L-Crawlers		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	C 3rd L	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	17	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	H - 1st R	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	13	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Nap
Main	Rm. AfterSchool-Back Middle		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	Rm. Preschool 4B-PreK	GA PreK	2	13	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Rm. Toddler A-3rd Right		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm.Preschool 3B-5th Right		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm.Preschool 4A-Prek	GA PreK	2	16	C	23	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Rm.Preschool 4C-PreK	GA PreK	2	19	C	22	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	Rm.Week ToddlerA-2nd Right		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Wee Toddler B-2nd left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Free Play

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 235

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 86

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Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A- Infants/Toddlers	31	C
Main	Playground B-3yrs	34	C
Main	Playground C-PreK-School Age	93	C
Main	Playground D-2's	71	C

Comments

Licensing study was completed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/13/2024

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.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

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Not Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date.

Finding

591-1-1.12(6) requires that 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. It was determined based on observation there was not a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials available, stored on low, open shelves and accessible to children in the second left and third left classrooms.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center director will ensure there is a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials in each room for each age group. that are stored on low, open shelves accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 6/12/2024

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities at this time.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained and completed on this date.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized on this date.

Facility

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. Consultant also discussed with the director to ensure proper storage of items that were stacked in some of the children's bathrooms in GA-Pre-k and afterschool classrooms.

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024

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 were not in good repair as required:

- * Ceiling tiles were discolored due to leaks in the roof in the second left, Pre-k 4A, third right girl's bathroom, and fourth right classrooms.
- * Chipped paint and splintered wood was present on the borders in the third left, Pre-k 4B, afterschool back middle boy's bathroom, third right, fourth right and fifth right classrooms.
- * The corner edge of the walls were cracked with chipped paint and dirty in afterschool back middle, fourth right, and fifth right classrooms.
- * The closet lock in the fourth right classroom was broken.
- * The back door handle that lead to the playground was broken in the fourth right classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring. The current maintenance staff was no longer employed. The deadline for repairs was extended to June 3, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2024

Recited on 5/13/2024

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute due to rain.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation a variety of equipment was not present on Playground A, B, C and D. Additionally, rust was present and exposed on the metal stairway of the tan, green and burgundy climbing structure on Playground C.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide a variety of age-appropriate equipment that is arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 5/27/2024

Food Service

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

Met

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines on this date. Consultant discussed with the director, cook and GA Pre-K staff regarding restricted foods (square cheese cubes) for children in care.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands as required.

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

The center currently does not dispense or administer medication at this time.

	Policies and Procedures
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591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures	Met
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Technical Assistance

Please ensure the Center has a written plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to severe weather, loss of electrical power or water and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Center; to have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, communication and reunification with families, and continuity of operations. The plan must apply to all children in care and include specific accommodations for infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions and shall include assurance that no Center Personnel will impede in any way the delivery of emergency care or services to a child by licensed or certified emergency health care professionals. The director will email consultant the updated written emergency plan by COB: May 14, 2024.

Correction Deadline: 5/18/2024

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

Discussed reporting requirements with the new director on this date.

	Safety
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591-1-1-.05 Animals	N/A
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Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises at this time.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	Not Met
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Comment

A current and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children on this date. Vehicles with tag numbers ending in X5455 and X5453 were completed on November 21, 2023.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicles had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-b) requires any Center that provides any type of transportation to obtain two (2) hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff. It was determined based on a review of records the driver had expired transportation training certificate on file which expired in February of 2024.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the Director, Center Staff, and any person responsible for the transportation of children has completed the required transportation training.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation vehicle with tag number ending in X5455 was not in good repair as there were three seats with exposed foam and one seat with a large hole in the seat. Vehicle with tag number ending in X5453 had one seat with exposed foam.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 5/28/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position with the director and infant staff member on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2) requires the Center to provide a safe sleep environment in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommendations as listed in these rules for all infants. Center Staff shall place an infant to sleep on the infant's back in a crib unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing another sleep position for that particular infant that includes how the infant shall be placed to sleep and a time frame that the instructions are to be followed. When an infant can easily turn over from back to front and back again, Staff shall continue to put the infant to sleep initially on the infant's back but allow the infant to roll over into his or her preferred position and not re-position the infant. Sleepers, sleep sacks and wearable blankets that fit according to the commercial manufacturer's guidelines and will not slide up around the infant's face may be used when necessary for the comfort of the sleeping infant. Swaddling shall not be used unless the Center has been provided a physician's written statement authorizing its use for a particular infant that includes instructions and a time frame for swaddling the infant. Center Staff shall not place objects or allow objects to be placed in or on the crib with an infant such as but not limited to toys, pillows, quilts, comforters, bumper pads, sheepskins, stuffed toys, or other soft items and shall not attach objects or allow objects to be attached to a crib with a sleeping infant, such as, but not limited to, crib gyms, toys, mirrors and mobiles. It was determined based on observation an infant was asleep in the crib with a bib around the infant's neck.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will take all steps necessary to provide a safe sleep environment for infants as listed in these rules; will train Staff to follow these rules; and will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.30(4). requires that if cots and mats are stored in the children's activity room or area, they shall be stored to prevent children's access to them and to allow maximum use of play space. When storage is available and used for the storage of cots and mats that allows the cots, mats and any bedding to be stored without touching any other cots, mats or bedding, the bedding may be left on the cot or mat. When such storage is not available for the cots and mats, each child's bedding shall be kept separate from other children's bedding and stored in containers marked for individual use, such as, but not limited to, bins, cubbies, or bags. It was determined based on observation children's blankets were touching each other in the second left, third left and fourth right classrooms.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will store cots and mats so children do not have access to them and they don't take up play space and will store them so each child's bedding is separate from the others.

Correction Deadline: 5/13/2024

Staff Records**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

Comment

Director provided four files for employees hired since the last visit which was completed on December 5, 2023.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

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

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required annual staff training for 2023 on this date.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

Staffing and Supervision**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

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

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.