



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/26/2024 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:30 AM Departure: 11:15 AM

CCLC-38999

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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.
08/26/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/10/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/05/2023	Complaint Closure	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
Front Main	A-1R	One Year Olds	1	6	C	15	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Front Main	B-2R	Infants	2	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Front Main	C-3R	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Front Main	D-2L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Centers
Front Main	E-1L	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Front Main	F-Middle		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 98			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Left Front Building	Classrom H	GA PreK	2	17	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Left Front Building	Classrom G	GA PreK	2	19	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 48			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 75			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 146							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Front Main	A-Infant/Toddler	27	C
Front Main	B-Preschool/School Age	194	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
8	8	10	24	39	0	11

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a monitoring visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/26/2024

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.decga.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 Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

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

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Please monitor the child sized furniture for tears.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2024

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/9/2023

Corrected on 8/26/2024

.06(4) - Previous citation corrected in that the exhaust vents in the three year old bathroom, and both PreK bathrooms were working properly as required on this date.

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

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Please ensure all cabinets that hold hazardous items are locked.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - Please ensure electrical outlets are covered and in good repair in each classroom.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation the mulch around the play structure measured 2 inches when six inches is required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 9/19/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please ensure to monitor the playground for loose branches.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Hand washing requirements for older infants during diapering were discussed with the staff and director on this date.

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

Correction Deadline: 8/17/2023

Corrected on 8/26/2024

.10(1) - Previous citation corrected in that an exhaust vent system was installed for the infant classroom and windows are no longer being utilized for ventilation.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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 there was no warm water in the following classrooms:

A, B, C and D.

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: 9/9/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.17(7)(a) - Please ensure infants that are able to hold their heads up are using warm water and soap to clean their hands.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

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

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - Please ensure mats/cots are covered and made inaccessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 8/26/2024

Staff Records

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

Comment

Director provided five files for employees hired since last visit.

Comment

satisfactory Criminal Record Checks were observed to be complete on this date.

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

Comment

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Met

Comment

Health and Safety Training completed by all new hires as required on this date.

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
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Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.