



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/16/2024 VisitType: Initial Licensing Study Arrival: 9:55 AM Departure: 3:00 PM

CCLC-62359

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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.
02/16/2024	Initial Licensing Study	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 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
Main	A-Front School Age		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	
Main	B-FR Infants		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Main	C-CLToddler		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	
Main	D-BThree/Fours		0	0	C	17	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 43					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 0					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A-Infant	3	C
Main	B	112	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on 2/15/24. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on 2/16/24. The exit conference was conducted on site at 2:30pm with the Owner Cathy Satterfield, Director Christine Kilbury and Bo Brady. (Permission to Operate will be issued upon completion of the Exit Conference and signature pages are returned to the consultant. Facility does not carry Liability Insurance. (License capacity is 43.

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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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!

cathy satterfield, Program Official

Date

Brittany Sams, Application Services Unit Coordinator

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.12(1) - Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured.

Correction Deadline: 2/16/2024

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. Please ensure enrollment packets are complete before enrollment.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) - It was observed that the rear restroom assigned for use in the 3 and 4 year old classroom does not have adequate ventilation or windows. The consultant advised the Director of the rule and restrooms must meet the requirements. The Director called the maintenance man and scheduled for him to come in over the weekend to install the ventilation.

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2024

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

Permission to Operate will be issued upon completion of the Exit Conference and return of signature pages to the Consultant, the overall capacity and if there are any limitations.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Met
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Comment

591-1-1-.25(17) - It was observed on the main playground that the fence lining was seen to have shrubs, vegetation and tree limbs growing through it. Please ensure that vegetation, shrubbery and tree limbs around fencing will be removed. It was also observed that the staff present began to remove the vegetation to begin to clean it.

Correction Deadline: 2/16/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)	Not Met
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Finding

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined during the inspection the fencing on the back playground has barbed wire at the top. The consultant spoke with the Director and she immediately called maintenance and other individuals to assist with fence removal/repair.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 5/1/2024

Health and Hygiene

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. Sinks with warm running water observed adjacent to proper diapering surfaces in all classrooms approved for diapering. Director and staff present were able to recite the proper diapering procedure.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper hand washing of children and staff was discussed with the director on this date.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation, storage and procedures. Also discussed that medication must be away in a locked cabinet. Director stated they will remain in a locked cabinet in the locked front office. Consultant observed the locked office and locked cabinet.

Safety

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

Comment

Consultant discussed appropriate discipline and guidance techniques with the director.

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

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position. (Six (6) of six(6) cribs were present meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards as they were manufactured in 2012 and 2023. Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the owner/director during the inspection visit.

Comment

Please ensure that cribs/cots are labeled for individual use.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Five (5) of five (5) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper ratios and classroom capacities were discussed with the director on this date.

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

Comment

A supervision plan was created on this date for the 3-4 year old classroom opening breeze way. Teachers will be strategically placed to ensure that children all within site at all times. The office located within the breeze way will remain locked and inaccessible to children at all times.

Comment

There were no children enrolled on this date. Proper supervision of children, including being prompt to children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.