



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/6/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 11:00 AM **Departure:** 2:50 PM

CCLC-58085

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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.
12/06/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/14/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/11/2023	ILS with PTO	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
2nd Building	H	Six Year Olds and Over	1	27	NC	13	NC	NA	NA	Outside
2nd Building	I	Four Year Olds	1	9	C	10	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 23					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Main	A	GA PreK	2	14	C	13	NC	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	B	Infants	2	4	C	5	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Floor Play
Main	C	One Year Olds	2	7	C	9	C	NA	NA	Centers,Floor Play
Main	D	GA PreK	2	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch,Transitioning
Main	E	Two Year Olds	2	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	9	NC	NA	NA	Transitioning,Outside
Main	G	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 0					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Heath Department Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 106		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 23			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A	14	C
Main	B	104	C
Main	C	56	C

Comments

The purpose for today's visit was to conduct a Monitoring Visit and Complaint Investigation.

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 user id 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!

Faith Eddie, Program Official

Date

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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) **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.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms **Met**

Comment

Consultant discussed with the provider to ensure to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system.

Correction Deadline: 1/5/2024

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

Comment

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

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

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

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 Discussed labeling of "diapering only" areas and staff work stations.	
591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)	Met
Comment Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.	
591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)	Met
Comment Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.	
Safety	
591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)	Met
Comment Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.	
591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	Met
Comment Complete documentation of transportation observed.	
Sleeping & Resting Equipment	
591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)	Met
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-.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.	
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)	Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20; and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation and a review of records that one center staff supervised (27) twenty-seven, six-year-old and older children on Playground C when the approved Staff:child ratio group size was 1:25.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will hire additional Staff or reschedule current Staff to meet required Staff:child ratios and will organize children into groups that meet requirements.

Correction Deadline: 12/6/2023

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

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