



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/4/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 12:50 PM **Departure:** 2:50 PM

CCLC-34864

A Thru Z Childcare & Learning Center

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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.
10/04/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
09/04/2024	TA Follow Up	NA	
07/15/2024	Initial-TA	NA	

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. A- Infants 1st left	Infants and One Year Olds	1	6	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm. B 2nd left	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	11	C	21	C	30	C	Nap
Main	Rm. C 1st right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	8	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	Rm. D- 2nd Right		0	0	C	21	C	30	C	Not In Use
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 84			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 102				
Total # Children this Date: 25			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 84			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 102				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	120	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to follow up on any previous citations from the visit conducted on May 30, 2024.

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.state.ga.us/CCS/RuleAndRegulations.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.state.ga.us 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 Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that classroom D black door had a lock on it, however, when door is pulled open the lock would detached. The black door had an AC unit inside that was accessible.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2024

Recited on 10/4/2024

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

Not Met

Defer

591-1-1-.26(6)- Assistant Director stated TA Consultant will get back with the center regarding swing set.

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: 6/9/2024

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 that all climbing and swinging equipment on the playground had less than an inch of resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone.

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: 10/4/2024

Recited on 10/4/2024

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2024

Corrected on 10/4/2024

.26(9) - Consultant observed the wooden rail used as support for walking repaired and the wooden rail did not have any large pieces of wood laying next to the concrete steps on this date.

Safety

591-1-1.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2024

Corrected on 10/4/2024

.11(2) - Previous citation corrected. Consultant did not observe staff speaking to children in a harsh language on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/30/2024

Corrected on 10/4/2024

.30(1)(a)3 - Consultant observed fitted sheets in classroom A on this date.

Staff Records

591-1-1.33 Staff Training

Not Met

Finding

91-1-1-.33(5) requires that every calendar year after the first year of employment, all supervisory and caregiver Personnel, except independent contractors, Students-in-Training and volunteers shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is task-focused in on-going health, safety and early childhood or child development related topics and which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source. The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall be chosen from the following fields: child development, including discipline, guidance, nutrition, injury control and safety; health, including sanitation, disease control, cleanliness, detection and disposition of illness; child abuse and neglect, including identification and reporting, and meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children; and business related topics, including parental communication, recordkeeping, etc.; provided however that such business related training shall be limited to no more than two (2) of the required ten (10) clock hours of training. Records of completion of such training shall be maintained, as required by these rules. It was determined based on review of records that staff #10 had zero of ten required annual hours of annual training.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 10/4/2024

Recited on 10/4/2024

591-1-1.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/6/2024

Corrected on 10/4/2024

.31(2)(c) - Consultant observed documentation for Staff member #9 CDA credentials.