



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/14/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:10 AM **Departure:** 5:50 PM

CCLC-49094

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Same

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. 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.
08/14/2024	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/16/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
06/03/2024	Incident Investigation 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
Main	A-1L/100 6wks-12mth	Infants	3	6	C	19	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Feeding
Main	B-2L/150-6wks-12mths	Infants	4	10	C	19	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Floor Play
Main	C-3L/200-1's	One Year Olds	5	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Centers,Diapering
Main	D-4L/250-2's	One Year Olds	4	13	C	19	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Centers
Main	E-1M/300-2's	Two Year Olds	3	17	C	30	C	NA	NA	Centers,Outside
Main	F-2M/350-3's	Two Year Olds	4	12	C	26	C	37	C	Centers
Main	G-3M/400-3's	Three Year Olds	4	16	C	26	C	37	C	Centers
Main	H-4M/450-3+4's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	4	11	C	26	C	37	C	Transitioning,Breakfast
Main	I-5M/500-4's	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	8	C	26	C	37	C	Outside
Main	J-5M/550-4's	Four Year Olds	4	18	C	26	C	37	C	Transitioning,Circle Time
Main	K-BR/5+up afterschool		0	0	C	70	C	98	C	

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 307

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 410

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A /Left	20	C
Main	Playground B/Back Left	44	C
Main	Playground C/Middle	46	C
Main	Playground D/Back right	55	C
Main	Splash Pad/Special Use/Right	16	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complaint and monitoring visit. Staff files and criminal records were checked today.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/14/2024

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.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 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)

Met

Comment

Consultant discussed with the director to please ensure to add equipment and toys to enhance variety.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) - Consultant discussed with director to please ensure that the vents are cleaned regularly throughout the building to prevent odor and spread of infectious diseases.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2024

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

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591-1-1-.25(13) - Consultant discussed with the director to please ensure that all hazardous items and/or equipment (i.e., bleach, brooms, diaper wipes, etc.) are stored in a locked cabinet and/or container inaccessible to children at all times.

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2024

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - Please monitor the playground area for the following hazardous items:

- Normal wear and tear of the fence surrounding the playground areas.
- Ensure that all hazardous items are inaccessible to children (i.e., water hoses, etc.).

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2024

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

Consultant observed diapering procedures observed. Please ensure that staff members immediately wash their hands and children's hands upon completing the diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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 positive staff child interaction on this date.

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

Consultant discussed with the director, to please ensure to include the full address of field trip destination.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(d) requires the vehicle be thoroughly checked first by a designated Staff person who was present on the vehicle during the trip and then by a second designated Staff person, who may or may not have been present on the vehicle during the trip. It was determined based on a review of records that the staff members did not conduct the second unload check of during the morning drop off to Main Event on June 11, 2024. It was further determined that staff also fail to conduct a first and second load/unload check during afternoon pickup and drop-off to Main Event on June 11, 2024. Sample of field trip form was sent to director.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the vehicle is thoroughly checked by a staff person who was present on the vehicle during the trip and also checked by a second staff person.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2024

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

Consultant observed 6 cribs/cots labeled for individual use.

Comment

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - Consultant discussed with the director to please ensure all crib have tight-fitting sheets to prevent bunching and risk of suffocation

Correction Deadline: 8/14/2024

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided 22 staff files for employees hired since last visit conducted on July 16, 2024. Consultant observed all newly hired staff to have a satisfactory criminal background check electronically on file on this date.

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.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Consultant discussed active supervision. A n active supervision plan was emailed to the director during visit.