



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/22/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 8:25 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

CCLC-54297

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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.
05/22/2024	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/31/2023	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
08/29/2023	Incident Investigation/Licensing Study	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-First Left 2's	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	28	C	NA	NA	Breakfast
Main	B-Second Left 3's	Three Year Olds	2	21	C	32	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Breakfast
Main	C-Back PreK	GA PreK	2	16	C	38	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Transitioning
Main	D-Second Right 1's	One Year Olds	1	7	C	22	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Diapering
Main	E- First Right- Infants	Infants	1	4	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Free Play,Feeding
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 131					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 58					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Play A	48	C
Main	Play B	128	C
Main	Play C	57	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit/ complaint investigation.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/22/2024

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.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.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)

Not Met

Correction Deadline: 9/15/2023

Corrected on 5/22/2024

.12(2) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed equipment and furniture to be free from hazardous conditions on this date.

Finding

591-1-1.12(6) requires that a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials be available, stored on low, open shelves accessible to children in each room or assigned area. It was determined based upon observation that there were not a variety of toys for children's use in the Second Left 3's Classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center director will ensure there is a variety of age-appropriate toys and play materials in each room for each age group. that are stored on low, open shelves accessible to children.

Correction Deadline: 6/21/2024

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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 upon observation that the following hazards were observed accessible to children:

A-First Left 2's:

- Two tubes of Boudreaux Butt Paste were in a plastic slot hanging over the bathroom door.
- A tube of Desitin Maximum Strength diaper rash cream was in a plastic slot hanging over the bathroom door.
- A tube of Desitin diaper rash cream was in a plastic slot hanging over the bathroom door.
- A tube of A & D diaper rash cream was in a plastic slot hanging over the bathroom door.
- A tube of Hello Bello Mineral sunscreen was in a plastic slot hanging over the bathroom door.
- A pack of Huggies baby wipes were in a plastic slot hanging over the bathroom door.
- A pack of Parent's Choice baby wipes were in a plastic slot hanging over the bathroom door.
- A pack of Pamper's baby wipes were in a plastic slot hanging over the bathroom door.

B-Second Left 3's:

- A pair of gloves were in a plastic slot hanging over the bathroom door.
- A pack of Pamper's sensitive baby wipes were in a plastic slot hanging over the bathroom door.

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: 5/22/2024

Recited on 5/22/2024

Correction Deadline: 10/13/2023

Corrected on 5/22/2024

.25(3) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean and free of debris and in good repair.

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

Correction Deadline: 9/29/2023

Corrected on 5/22/2024

.26(6) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed playground equipment to be in good repair on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based upon observation that the concrete leading to the exterior doors on Playground A was chipped and not flush with the ground causing a potential tripping hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards. The center will add concrete to ensure that the section leading to the exterior doors is flush and prevents and tripping hazards.

Correction Deadline: 6/30/2024

Recited on 5/22/2024

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based upon observation that the diaper changing pads in Classroom A-First Left 2's, Classroom D-Second Right 1's, and Classroom E- First Right- Infants was porous on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 6/30/2024**Recited on 5/22/2024****591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Not Met****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 upon observation that three children failed to wash their hands upon arrival to Classroom B-Second Left 3's on this date.

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: 5/22/2024**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****N/A****Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met****Correction Deadline: 9/3/2023****Corrected on 5/22/2024**

.21(3) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed documentation of completed emergency drills on this date.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****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.

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

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR) Not Met

Correction Deadline: 8/31/2023

Corrected on 5/22/2024

.12(4) - Correction of previous citation in that the Consultant observed equipment to be secured on this date.