



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/26/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:00 AM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-1473

Childcare Network #24

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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.
09/26/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/01/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/02/2023	Complaint Investigation by Phone	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	1st Left		0	0	C	30	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	1st Right	Infants	3	8	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap,Diapering
Main	2nd Left	GA PreK	2	19	C	30	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	2nd Right - EHS1	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	2nd Right - EHS2	One Year Olds	1	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3rd Left		0	0	C	38	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	3rd Right	Two Year Olds	2	16	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	4th Right - B		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	4th Right A	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	12	C	24	C	NA	NA	Centers,Music
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 180			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations		
Total # Children this Date: 66		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 180			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Pre-K and School-Age	105	C
Main	Toddler	31	C
Main	Two's and Three's	18	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
11	8	25	20	20	0	57

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/26/2024

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.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

Correction Deadline: 11/8/2023

Corrected on 9/26/2024

.12(2) - Correction of previous citation in that equipment and furniture were free from hazardous conditions on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(4) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that chairs are placed around children's tables on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2024

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

Correction Deadline: 11/1/2023

Corrected on 9/26/2024

.19(1) - Correction of previous citation in that the licensed capacity requirements were met on this date.

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 the following hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Children's Hallway Bathroom - 1st Right

- A toilet brush was located under the hand washing sink.

Children's Hallway Bathroom -2nd Right

- A toilet brush was located under the hand washing sink.

2nd Right - EHS 1 Classroom:

- A toilet brush was located behind the toilet.

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: 9/26/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the following building repairs were needed on this date:

2nd Right - EHS 2 Classroom:

-The cabinet underneath the adult hand washing sink had peeling paint.

2nd Left Classroom:

-The first sink used for hand washing was rusted around the faucet display and drain.

3rd Right Classroom:

-The right sink used for hand washing had peeling wood located on the top left side.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 10/31/2024

Recited on 9/26/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(8) - The Consultant discussed alternative placements for the zipped tied air conditioning cords located in 1st Right Classroom and 2nd Right - EHD 2 Classroom on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2024

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

591-1-1-.26(4) - Citation deferred until next regulatory visit due to the inclement weather and tropical storm warning on this date.

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: 12/6/2023

Defer

591-1-1-.26(6) - Citation deferred until next regulatory visit due to the inclement weather and tropical storm warning on this date.

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: 11/29/2023

Defer

591-1-1-.26(9) - Citation deferred until next regulatory visit due to the inclement weather and tropical storm warning on this date.

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.

Correction Deadline: 11/29/2023

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR) **Met**

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR) **N/A**

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed.

Comment

The vehicle had an approved fire extinguisher and first aid kit on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2023

Corrected on 9/26/2024

.36(4)(b) - Correction of previous citation in that vehicles were observed to be clean, in safe repair, and free of hazardous items on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(2)(c) requires that infants shall not sleep in equipment other than safety-approved cribs, such as, but not limited to, a car safety seat, bouncy seat, highchair, or swing. Infants who arrive at the Center asleep or fall asleep in such equipment, on the floor or elsewhere, shall be transferred to a safety-approved crib. It was determined based upon observation that an infant was asleep on top of a play mat located on the floor for approximately two minutes on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will only place infants in safe cribs to sleep and will transfer them to a safe crib when the infants are asleep in other equipment.

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(4) - The Consultant discussed ensuring that cots accessible to children have a large covering placed on them on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/26/2024

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.