



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/20/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 8:50 AM **Departure:** 11:40 AM

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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.
07/20/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
01/31/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
08/17/2022	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	Room1/1yrs	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap,Breakfast
Main	Room2/2yr	Two Year Olds	1	10	C	13	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room3/ 3yrs	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room4/Pre-K	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	TV
Main	Room5/7-12yrs	Six Year Olds and Over	1	17	C	18	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	Room6/Infants	One Year Olds	2	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 89			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 66			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 89							
			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Right Side	31	C

Comments

A plan of Improvement will need to be submitted in decal koala by August 3, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 08/03/2023

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 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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.12(4) requires that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. It was determined based on observation that the following posed falling hazard to children in care:

Room 2: large toys placed on top of the wooden shelves

Room 3: disinfecting wipes (large tubes) and large plastic containers of toys on top of the cubbies

Room 6: wooden puzzles on top of the cubbies

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2023

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

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 on observation that the following items were accessible to children in care.

Room 2: Rubber gloves and baby wipes were within reach of children.

Room 3: An adult stapler, scissors and baby wipes that read "suffocation hazard" were placed on the desk within reach of children.

Room 4: Children had access to a staff member's purse placed on the desk, a broom and dust pan outside of the restroom door, hand sanitizer placed on a shelf within reach that read "keep out of reach of children".

Room 5: Children had access to a staff member's purse, an adult stapler, and a glue gun placed on the desk.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2023

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 items were in need of repair.

Room 2- The plaster beneath the restroom sink was observed to be coming off the walls.

Room 3- The restroom light was not in working order.

Room 5- Plaster was observed to be coming off the walls near the back exit door.

Correction Deadline: 8/3/2023

Recited on 7/20/2023

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

Please ensure the backgate is closed and the front fencing facing the parking lot is secured at the bottom.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2023

Correction Deadline: 2/10/2023

Corrected on 7/20/2023
.26(6) - Citation corrected.

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.10(9) requires Center Staff to not use the area used for diapering for food preparation and to keep the diapering area clear of formulas, food, food utensils and food preparation items. It was determined based on observation that upon a child's arrival to Room 1 the bag of bottles for the child was placed on the diapering station.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2023

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/31/2023

Corrected on 7/20/2023
.17(7) - Citation corrected.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

Comment

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Safety

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

Met

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Met

Staff Records

Not Met

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records a staff member hired on July 19, 2023 started at the center without a satisfactory comprehensive background check on file prior to being present.

Met

Met

Staffing and Supervision

Met

Discussed combining children of mixed ages.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtime, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that upon arrival in Room 1, one infant was eating in a high chair and the staff member was in the middle of the room speaking with a parent with her back turned toward the child. A staff member was not within arm's length of the infant while feeding. It was further determined that a child came in for the day and walked down the hallway without any supervision as the staff member was at the entrance door.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2023