



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/20/2024 **VisitType:** LS POI Follow Up

Arrival: 2:10 PM **Departure:** 6:30 PM

CCLC-22839

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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.
05/20/2024	LS POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
02/23/2024	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
05/31/2023	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: Right Hall 1R	Infants	2	3	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B: Right Hall 2R	Infants and One Year Olds	1	4	C	20	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Nap
Main	C: Right Hall 3R Back		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	D: Right Hall 3R Front		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	E: Right Hall 2L	One Year Olds	1	3	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F: Right Hall 1L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	9	C	24	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Story,Nap
Main	G: Middle	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	13	C	39	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Centers
Main	H: Left Hall 1R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	9	C	24	C	NA	NA	Story,Circle Time
Main	I: Left Hall 2R	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	9	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	J: Left Hall 1R		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 195			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Heath Department Limitations				
Total # Children this Date: 50			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 195			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	88	C

Main	Playground B	151	C
Main	Playground C	108	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a licensing study and to follow up from the previous visit conducted on February 23, 2023.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/20/2024

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 LS POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

Pool not in use at this time, gates observed locked.

Children's Records

591-1-1-08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1-19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center.

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(13) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that baby wipes and toilet brushes are stored out of reach of the children in classroom H.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2024

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

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that there was a gap measuring approximately five inches under the fence to the left of the gate to the pool area and a gap in the fence measuring approximately four inches above the gap. Further, there was a gap measuring approximately six inches under the fence behind the climbing equipment on playground B,

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: 5/20/2024

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 the resilient surfacing measured between four and seven inches under the climbing equipment and between three and four inches under the swings on playground C. Six inches of resilient surfacing was required. Further, the resilient surfacing under the climbing equipment measured between one to four inches on playground B. Three inches of resilient surfacing was required.

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: 5/30/2024

Food Service**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.15 - Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15 - Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated every two to three months as required.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.20 - Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**

Met

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals**

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2023

Corrected on 5/20/2024

.11(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed a positive learning environment throughout the center.**591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**

Met

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.

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated knowledge of infant safe sleep requirements.

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided eight files for employees hired since last visit February 23, 2024..

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

Comment

The consultant observed all staff members hired more than 90-days to have evidence of current certification in first aid and CPR on file.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33(1) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that initial staff orientation is completed before assigning staff to a classroom.

Correction Deadline: 5/20/2024

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.