



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 8/29/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:15 AM

Departure: 3:40 PM

CCLC-52441

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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.
08/29/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/18/2023	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
01/12/2023	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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.

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 1st Left	Five Year Olds	2	18	C	26	C	NA	NA	Outside,Circle Time
Main	B 2nd Left		0	0	C	22	C	NA	NA	
Main	C 3rd Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	13	C	22	C	NA	NA	Outside,Circle Time
Main	D 4th Left	Three Year Olds	1	11	C	22	C	NA	NA	Transitioning,Ce nters
Main	E 5th Left		0	0	C	23	C	33	C	
Main	F 6th Right	Two Year Olds	2	12	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	G 5th Right	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers,Free Play
Main	H 4th Right	Two Year Olds	2	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Free Play
Main	I 3rd Right	One Year Olds	2	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	J 2nd Right	One Year Olds	2	5	C	11	C	NA	NA	Free Play,Diapering
Main	K 1st Right	Infants	1	5	C	18	C	NA	NA	Feeding,Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 206					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 247					
Total # Children this Date: 90					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 247					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A (inf-2yrs)	51	C
Main	Activity Area	46	C
Main	B (3-12 yrs)	135	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a licensing study. Staff files, children files, and criminal records checks were reviewed.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 08/29/2023

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.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 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.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Lisa Hines, Program Official

Date

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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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.12 - Discussed rotating toys to support the procedures of daily disinfecting.

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

N/A

Comment

Per director the center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1.08 - Please ensure that children have addresses listed for all emergency contacts.

Facility

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)**Not Met****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 hazardous items were observed to be accessible to the children present for care during the visit:

- Classroom C: 3rd left - One plastic grocery bag, Aveeno lotion, and two black hair picks with sharp metal teeth stored in children bags in the cubby area located in the right rear of the classroom.
- Classroom G: 5th right - One packet of Pampers diaper wipes,A &D ointment, Off Kids Insect Repellent Spray, and Aveeno lotion stored in children's bag
- Classroom H: 4th right - One packet of wipes and one plastic grocery bag stored in child's bag.

All items contained the label "KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN".

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. Teachers immediately removed items

Correction Deadline: 8/29/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26 - Please ensure to check playground areas for stagnant water.

Food Service

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**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Per director the center currently does not dispense/administer medication at this time.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals**N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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

Per director center does not participate in field trips.

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

Per director the center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

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

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)	Met
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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
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Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.