



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/12/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study **Arrival:** 10:25 AM **Departure:** 1:30 PM

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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.
09/12/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
03/17/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/12/2022	Monitoring Visit	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 (Right side only)	A	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main (Right side only)	B	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	9	C	9	C	NA	NA	TV,Free Play
Main (Right side only)	C		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main (Right side only)	D		0	0	C	29	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main (Right side only)	E	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	9	C	24	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main (Right side only)	F		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 110					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 23					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main (Right side only)	B	267	C

Comments

Consultant reviewed the citations with the provider.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/12/2023

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.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 Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

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

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.

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 by observation the following hazards were accessible to children.

Room B

-Toilet Brush Cleaner

-Dr. Teals Sleep Spray

-Handsanitizer

-Nivea Lotion

-African's Best Herbal Hair Oil

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: 9/12/2023

Recited on 9/12/2023

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

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023

Corrected on 9/12/2023

Previous citations corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/27/2023

Corrected on 9/12/2023

Previous citation corrected on this date.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition **Met**

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023

Corrected on 9/12/2023

Previous citation corrected on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023

Corrected on 9/12/2023

Previous citation corrected on this date.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Safety

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

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**

Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined by review of vehicle emergency form six children did not have evidence . It was further determined nine children did not have evidence of the transportation agreement.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 9/13/2023**Correction Deadline: 3/18/2023****Corrected on 9/12/2023****Previous citation corrected on this date.****Correction Deadline: 3/18/2023****Corrected on 9/12/2023****Previous citation corrected on this date.**

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**

Director provided one file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023****Corrected on 9/12/2023****Previous citation corrected on this date.**

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Correction Deadline: 4/16/2023****Corrected on 9/12/2023****Previous citation corrected on this date.****Correction Deadline: 4/16/2023****Corrected on 9/12/2023****Previous citation corrected on this date.**

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/17/2023

Corrected on 9/12/2023

Previous citation corrected on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

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Corrected on 9/12/2023

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

Technical Assistance

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Proper supervision of children, including children's needs, was discussed with the director on this date.