



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/22/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:40 AM

Departure: 2:30 PM

CCLC-55163

Beginnings Children's Center Millen United Methodist Church

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Same

Quality Rated: No

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.
03/22/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/21/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/21/2022	Initial 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	A: Infant- Twos	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	14	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	B		0	0	C	35	C	NA	NA	
Main	C: Four Year Olds	Four Year Olds	1	9	C	11	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D: Three year Olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	6	C	8	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E: Infant	Infants	3	6	C	13	C	NA	NA	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Insufficient Toilets/Sinks				
Total # Children this Date: 35			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 75			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground (Large)	83	C
Main	Playground (Small)	14	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/22/2024

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.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.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!

Crisalyn Frawley, 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)

Not Met

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(1) - Please replace batteries in toys as needed.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Please ensure that screws on the wooden storage organizer are tightened to ensure the stability of the structure.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2024

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 equipment hazards were present on this date:

Main A

- An unsecured television was located on top of a shelf causing a potential falling hazard.
- Two high chairs were stacked in the right corner of the classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure that the identified equipment or furniture and any other such existing or future items are secured adequately and will have a system for checking these for stability.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2024

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

Records Reviewed: 5

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Child # 1

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.08(1)-Emergency Contact information Missing

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(1) - Please ensure that Child #1 has a complete, up to date, and signed Emergency Medical Authorization on file.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2024

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 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 hazards were accessible to children on this date:

Main A

- A broom and dust pan were located in the right corner of the classroom.
- A Staff purse was located on the left window sill of the classroom.
- A bottle of Billo Basics Orange Cleaner, Pampers Baby-Clean wipes, a container of Great Value Disinfectant wipes, and a bottle of Equate Hand Sanitizer were on the right window sill of the classroom.

Main C

- One can of Off bug spray, one can of Coppertone Kids 50 SPF sunscreen, one tube of Desitin, and one tube of A&A Ointment were located inside a child's cubby.

Main D

- Two bottles of Equate Hand Sanitizer were located on the desk in the left corner of the classroom.

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: 3/22/2024

Recited on 3/22/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25(3) - The Consultant and the Director discussed dusting vents within in the classrooms and children's bathrooms as needed.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2024

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Correction Deadline: 12/19/2023

Corrected on 3/22/2024

.26(4) - Correction of previous citation in that on Playground Large, the back right fencing with a gap was repaired on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(6) - Please repair the red and white see saw seat cracks on Playground Large.

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2024

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.26(9) - The Consultant and the Director discussed reapplying spray paint to tree roots as needed.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2024

Food Service

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.15(3) requires baby bottles and formula to be labeled with the individual child's name; supplied by the Parent daily in bottles; and refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less. Only the current day's formula or breast milk shall be served. If formula must be provided by the Center, only commercially prepared, ready-to-feed formula shall be used. Refrigerated or frozen breast milk shall only be heated or thawed under warm running water or in a container of warm water. It was determined based on observation that individual infant bottles were stored in cooler bags on this date. It was further determined that the infant bottles were not refrigerated at a temperature of forty (40) degrees Fahrenheit or less on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to follow the required procedures, ensure that parents are fully informed, and will review and monitor regularly.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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)

Met

Comment

Discussed proper medication documentation and procedures.

Policies and Procedures

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.27 - The Consultant and the Director discussed adding Director Designees to the Posted Notices board.

Correction Deadline: 3/22/2024

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

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged.

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

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

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

Correction Deadline: 11/21/2023

Corrected on 3/22/2024

.30(1)(a)3 - Correction of previous citation in that Center Staff stated that infant sheets are sent home to be washed daily.

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-.33 Staff Training**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.33(3) - The Consultant and the Director discussed the differences between Health and Safety Training versus ten (10) hours of diverse annual training.

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.