



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/17/2023 **VisitType:** Incident Investigation by Phone **Arrival:** 1:00 PM **Departure:** 2:30 PM

CCLC-50823

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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.
02/17/2023	Incident Investigation by Phone	Deficient	
12/29/2022	Incident Investigation Closure	Good Standing	
12/09/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	

Comments

Consultant conducted a virtual incident investigation on February 17, 2023.

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

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.decal.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!

Holly Mullins, Program Official

Date

Kajora McCoy, Regional Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation by Phone:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(8) requires a center to provide individual attention to each child by responding promptly to the child's distress signals and need for comfort. It was determined based on investigative findings that center staff did not provide individual attention to a two-year-old child who fell and injured their leg while running around in the classroom. It was also determined that the two-year-old child was observed to be crying and not mobile after the injury occurred. In the video the child is attended to after one minute when the child was diapered, and then placed on the floor. The child was left on the floor in distress and unable to move for approximately fifteen minutes before a staff member took the child to the parent. The child was taken for professional medical treatment for an injured leg.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.03(9) requires center staff to refrain from engaging in, or allowing children or other adults to engage in, activities that could be detrimental to a child's health or well-being, such as but not limited to, horse play, rough play, wrestling, and picking up a child in a manner that could cause injury. It was determined based on investigative findings that a staff member in the Toddler Two classroom roughly handled an injured child after the child fell while running around in the classroom. It was further determined that the staff member roughly placed the child on the diaper changing table, roughly pulled the child's pants up and down over the injured leg and made multiple attempts in a rough manner to make the child stand on their injured leg. It was also determined that staff members allowed two-year-old children to run around the classroom and did not intervene; as a result, a two-year-old child fell, and professional medical attention was obtained.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023

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

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.12(2)- This citation was deferred. Onsite visit was not conducted on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/9/2022

Health and Hygiene

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.10(4) - Staff must disinfect the diapering surface between each diaper change with a disinfecting solution and dry with a disposable paper towel.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on investigative findings that on February 7, 2023, center staff diapered four children and did not wash the children's hands after diapering.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on investigative findings that on February 7, 2023, center staff did not wash hands in between diapering four children.

Correction Deadline: 2/17/2023

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

Defer

Defer

591-1-1-.11(2)- This citation was deferred. An onsite visit was not conducted on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/29/2022