



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/12/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 10:00 AM

Departure: 11:30 AM

CCLC-56945

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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.
12/12/2023	Monitoring Visit	Deficient	
07/31/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/31/2023	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	1R-Rm. A		0	0	C	9	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	2R-Preschool Rm.C		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm. E-3R-Potty Trained 2's		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm. E-3R-Potty trained only-2's		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Rm.B-1L-Preschool	Three Year Olds	1	7	C	11	C	NA	NA	TV
Main	Rm.D-2L Toddler 2	Two Year Olds	1	6	C	9	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Rm.F-3L-Tod 2	Infants	1	6	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 64			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 19		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 64			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playgd A-AS-Preschool-School age	30	C
Main	Playground B-Toddler 2	17	C

Comments

Visit completed

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!

Kenyatta Watkins, Program Official

Date

Roslyn Williams, Regional Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

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

Correction Deadline: 8/11/2023

Corrected on 12/12/2023

.35(6) - The previous citation was corrected. The Center does not provide swimming activities at this time.

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/4/2023

Corrected on 12/12/2023

.08(1) - The previous citation was corrected. It was determined based on review of records that the Center had evidence of a complete file for three of three records reviewed.

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 in Room B 1L- a roll of plastic garbage bags was on a shelf and accessible to children. It was further determined that a box of rubber gloves, diaper ointment, and Vaseline were in an unlocked cabinet, under the changing table, and accessible to children in room F 2L.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2023

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

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the first right blue seat on the wooden school bus was cracked with sharp edges on the seat.

Correction Deadline: 12/22/2023

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Correction Deadline: 8/1/2023****Corrected on 12/12/2023**

.18(8) - The previous citation was corrected. The consultant observed that there were no containers of food stored on the floor in the pantry.

Health and Hygiene

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

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

Correction Deadline: 8/11/2023

Corrected on 12/12/2023

.36(7)(c)2. - The previous citation was corrected. It was determined based on review of records that the Center documented with a check mark when each child loaded and unloaded the vehicle.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)3. requires that the driver or other designated person document in writing the time of arrival and departure each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center; each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center. It was determined based on review of records that center staff did not document in writing on the school transportation form when the vehicle returned from the Dunwoody Elementary School route on September 11, 2023, September 12, 2023, and September 13, 2023 to the center.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2023

Recited on 12/12/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)1. requires that the first check be conducted immediately upon unloading the last child at any location including, but not limited to, a field trip destination, arrival at the Center, and the last stop during transportation to home or school. The responsible person on the vehicle shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; sign the passenger transportation checklist (s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle; and give the passenger transportation checklist(s) to the second designated Staff person. It was determined based on review of records that center staff did not document in writing on the school transportation form that the first check was conducted immediately upon unloading the last child on September 11, 2023-Dunwoody Elementary School Route.

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2023

Recited on 12/12/2023

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on review of records that the Center did not document that the second designated Staff person conducted a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle for the Dunwoody Elementary School route on September 12, 2023 and September 13, 2023.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Staff Records

Staffing and Supervision

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

