



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/20/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 8:10 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

CCLC-2008

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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.
06/20/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/23/2024	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	
03/12/2024	TA Follow Up	NA	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Elementary School Building	Ground Level - A-19		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Elementary School Building	Ground Level - A-27		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Elementary School Building	Ground Level - A-29		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Elementary School Building	Ground Level - A-43		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Elementary School Building	Ground Level - B-50		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Elementary School Building	Ground Level - Cafeteria		0	0	C	170	C	NA	NA	
Elementary School Building	Ground Level-B-45		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 277						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Main	Downstairs - Creative Cavern		0	0	C	53	C	NA	NA	
Main	Downstairs - Hanging Rock Room		0	0	C	46	C	NA	NA	
Main	Downstairs - Lounge		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	

Main	Downstairs G-02 Computer Lab		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	Downstairs G-07- Gym		0	0	C	89	C	NA	NA	
Main	Downstairs G-13- STEAM Lab		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	Foxes - 2nd Right	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	5	C	14	C	NA	NA	Clean Up,Free Play
Main	Foxes-107	Infants	2	5	C	35	C	NA	NA	Breakfast,Circle Time
Main	Lions-114	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	8	C	47	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	Wolves-112	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	4	12	C	47	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 364						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 30			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 641			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Elementary School Building	Playground Field	395	C
Main	Center Playground	24	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit is to conduct a licensing study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/20/2024

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/RuleAndRegulations.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!



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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

Comment

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.12(2) - Please monitor rips and tears in the soft plush blocks and climbing equipment.

Correction Deadline: 6/20/2024

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Parent agreements observed obtained and completed.

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized on this date.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Technical Assistance

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.06(4) - Please ensure exhaust vents are free of dust to ensure they are working properly.

Correction Deadline: 7/20/2024

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)	Met
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Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Met
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Comment

Center appeared clean and well maintained.

Comment

No hazards were observed accessible to children on this date.

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

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

Food Service

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations	Met
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Comment

Kitchen appeared clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)	Not Met
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Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.10(1) requires Centers first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that are renovated after March 1, 1991, to provide ventilation in the diapering areas with functioning exhaust fans and a duct system or by the required amount of window space provided by operable windows when open. It was determined based on observation classroom Foxes 2nd Right did not have an exhaust vent near their diapering area.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The responsible person(s) at the center will ensure that the exhaust fans and duct systems are functioning or that the required amount of operable window space is provided in each diapering area.

Correction Deadline: 6/20/2024

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Organization

Finding

591-1-1-.16(f) requires the Center to submit an application for an amended License at least 30 days prior to a change if there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, or additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department. It was determined it was determined based on observation in classroom Foxes 2nd Right, a permanent wall that measured 49.5 inches tall was installed to split the classroom in half, before an amendment was submitted.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

An application for amendment and all necessary documentation will be submitted. Discussed with the director a plan to submit additional amendments for classroom Lions and classroom Wolves when both classrooms have removable walls that split the classrooms in half.

Correction Deadline: 6/20/2024

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices**Met****Comment**

Observed all required posted notices.

591-1-1-.29 Required Reporting**Met**

Correction Deadline: 12/20/2023

Corrected on 6/20/2024

.29(3) - Previous citation corrected in that consultant discussed required reporting with the director on this date. There has been no required reports to submit.

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.

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 for children in cribs.

Comment

The correct number of cots, sheets and blankets were observed on this date for children 1 years old and older. Cleaning and disinfecting of cots was discussed with the staff and director on this date.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Comment

Director provided four files of employees hired since last visit.

Correction Deadline: 11/2/2023

Corrected on 6/20/2024

.09(1)(g) - Previous citation corrected in that all hired employees have a current satisfactory criminal background check.

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training including Health and Safety and ten hour 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.

Correction Deadline: 12/20/2023

Corrected on 6/20/2024

.32(7) - Previous citation corrected in that a child in the one-year-old room did not leave the classroom and entered another classroom on this date. A permanent wall and door was installed in the classroom to prevent children from entering another room.