



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/24/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:15 AM **Departure:** 1:15 PM

CCLC-57570

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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.
09/24/2024	Licensing Study	Support	
04/02/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/29/2023	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
Bldg.1	1A	Infants	1	4	C	8	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Bldg.1	1-B		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 16			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 34							
Bldg.2-A	2-A	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	4	C	18	C	26	C	Breakfast
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 18			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 34							
Total # Children this Date: 8			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 34							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Bldg.1	Bldg.1 Playground	69	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
3	1	2	2	2	0	1

Comments

An in person inspection was conducted on September 24, 2024 with the assistant next in charge.

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@decal.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)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.08(6) requires the Center to maintain records of a child's daily arrival and departure for the twelve (12) preceding months that the Parent or person(s) authorized by the Parent documents, in written or electronic format, each time the Parent or authorized person drops off and picks up the child. The documentation shall include at least the date, the child's name, the arrival and departure times, and the signature or initials of the Parent or authorized person at the time of arrival and departure. These records shall be made available to the Department in printed or written form upon request. It was determined based on a review of files that there were missing departure times and signatures on the following dates:

- 1) September 16, 2024
- 2) September 17, 2024
- 3) September 18, 2024
- 4) September 19, 2024

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2024

Recited on 9/24/2024

	Facility
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591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms	Met
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Comment

Please monitor bathrooms for necessary supplies.

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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Correction Deadline: 4/2/2024

Corrected on 9/24/2024

The outlets were covered on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)	Not Met
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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 building one playground had a small slide with a red roof that had four broken handles which exposed sharp edges.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2024

Recited on 9/24/2024

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2024

Corrected on 9/24/2024

Previous citation corrected. There were no observed tree limbs on this date.

	Food Service
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591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition	Not Met
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Correction Deadline: 4/2/2024

Corrected on 9/24/2024

Previous citation corrected. The bottles were labeled on this date.

Finding

591-1-1-.15(5) requires that the Center provide a menu listing all meals and snacks to be served during the current week except for School-age Centers where the food may be provided by the Parent(s) by agreement between the School-age Center and the Parent(s). Substitutions shall be recorded on the posted menu and menus shall be retained at the Center for six (6) months. It was determined based on a review of files that the current menu was not posted nor available on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2024

Recited on 9/24/2024

Health and Hygiene

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.10(4) requires that if diapers are changed on a diaper changing surface, the surface shall be smooth, nonporous, and equipped with a guard or rails to prevent falls. Between each diaper change, the diaper changing surface shall be cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single-use disposable towel. It was determined based on observation that the diaper changing pad in building one (open space) had tears and was not smooth.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2024

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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

N/A

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of logs that the center did not maintain documentation of monthly fire drills as required between the months of June 2024 and August 2024.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2024

Recited on 9/24/2024

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2024

Corrected on 9/24/2024

Previous citation corrected. The license and all notices were posted on this date.

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)

Met

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

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2024

Corrected on 9/24/2024

Previous citation corrected. There were no observed sleeping and resting equipment hazards on this date.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

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

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2024

Corrected on 9/24/2024

Previous citation corrected. Staff #7 is no longer employed.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)

Met

Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2024

Corrected on 9/24/2024

Previous citation corrected. 50 percent of the staff had current 1st Aid and CPR training on file.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2024

Corrected on 9/24/2024

Previous citation corrected. The staff previously cited are no longer employed at the center.

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2024

Corrected on 9/24/2024

Previous citation corrected. Staff #3 is no longer employed. All new hire orientations were reviewed on this date.

Correction Deadline: 5/2/2024

Corrected on 9/24/2024

Previous citation corrected. The director and cook had completed four nutritional training.

Defer

Ongoing training records for 2024 will be deferred until the next regulatory visit.

Correction Deadline: 10/24/2024

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

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2024

Corrected on 9/24/2024

Previous citation corrected. Proper ratios were observed on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/2/2024

Corrected on 9/24/2024

Previous citation corrected. Adequate staffing and supervision was observed on this date.