



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/31/2024 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Initial Licensing Study **Arrival:** 8:30 AM **Departure:** 12:25 PM

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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.
05/31/2024	Complaint Investigation & Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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.

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 Building	Room 4's-1st Left		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main Building	Room A-1st Right-2's	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	23	C	NA	NA	Centers, Transitioning
Main Building	Room B-2nd Right-3-4yr olds	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	7	C	31	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Clean Up
Main Building	Room C-3rd R-Back-Pre-K	GA PreK	1	7	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main Building	Room D-4th L-Prek	GA PreK	1	10	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main Building	Room E- 1's 3rd Left	One Year Olds	2	11	C	18	C	NA	NA	Diapering, Centers
Main Building	Room F-Infants 2nd Left	Infants	2	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 153			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 53			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 153			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building	Back Playground	69	C
Main Building	Left Playground	20	C

Comments

An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on this date. The provider was not granted Permission to Operate. A Temporary License was issued on May 31, 2024, due to technical issues the report could not be completed on this date. The facility does carry Liability Insurance. The license capacity is 153. An office conference was conducted on this date with the director. Once the provider send requested verification of the cribs and the crib sheets, when the verification is received the provider will be granted permission to operate.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 06/14/2024

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 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 Complaint Investigation & Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable on this date.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure all equipment is kept clean and in good repair.

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2024

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

The center overall licensed capacity is .

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

Technical Assistance

Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that all of your closets are locked that has items in them that may pose a hazard to the children.
(staff belongings, cleaning supplies and cleaning).

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2024

Technical Assistance

Please discuss with the staff to ensure all trash can lids are placed on the trash cans at all times.

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2024

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 playground structures listed have noticeable paint:

Right Playground:

- fire truck play structure has exposed chipping paint.
- blue caboose play structure has exposed chipping paint.
- red big top train play chipping paint.

Back Playground

- Red and blue play structure has chipping exposed paint
- Orange play structure needs to be repaired and has chipping paint.
- climbing structure has exposed chipping paint

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that on the playgrounds (back playground, and right playground) that the resilience surfaces needs to be redistributed throughout the playground and does not meet the requirements.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that on the back playground and exposed water hose was stretched across the playground while the children occupied the playground. It was also determined based on observation that on the middle/back playground, the concrete layering poses a tripping hazard.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2024

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that the playgrounds are monitored and maintained daily of debris and other noticeable objects on the Left playground (infant and one(1) year-old playground).

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2024

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Not Met****Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures. Sink with warm running water observed adjacent to proper diapering surfaces in all classrooms approved for diapering 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 that in the diapering rooms, 2nd Left classroom and 1st Right were observed while changing a child and the staff did not open the window while diapering.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2024

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Discussed proper medication documentation, administration and storage.

Safety

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Comment

Appropriated discipline was observed,

Comment

Eighteen(18) files were observed and eighteen(18) children are being transported. Vehicle information, insurance, first aid kits and fire extinguisher were observed on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**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.

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(a) requires a crib that is safety approved in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards be provided for each infant. It was determined based on observation that in the infant classroom that ten(10) cribs were dated 10/2010 and two(2) cribs were dated 01/2010. The director was asked to provide the Children's Product Certificate (CPC) or test report from Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), the director provided the Children's Product Certificate (CPC), dated January 2011.

Correction Deadline: 6/3/2024**Finding**

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 requires that each crib shall have only an individual, tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed and prior to a change of occupant. It was determined based on observation that five (5) out of twelve(12) cribs sheets were not tight-fitting.

Correction Deadline: 6/2/2024

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the director that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child; and that mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material

Correction Deadline: 5/31/2024

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-.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 on this date.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.