



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 12/21/2022 VisitType: Incident Investigation & Follow Up Arrival: 11:20 AM Departure: 12:35 PM

CCLC-51829

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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.
12/21/2022	Incident Investigation & Follow Up	Good Standing	
08/29/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
08/15/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	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
Total # Children this Date:		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 0		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:						

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A-Left-Infants, 1's & 2's	18	C
Main	Playground B-Back-4's & Up	171	C
Main	Playground C-Right-3's	27	C

Comments

An in-person complaint investigation visit was conducted with the director on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 01/09/2023

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.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.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Shawndae Martin, Program Official

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Incident Investigation & Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.03(3) requires the Center to offer opportunities for each child to make choices in a variety of activities. Please ensure that children are offered opportunities to make choices in a variety of activities towards the end of the day, and that they are not just sitting on the carpet awaiting the parent/guardians arrival.

Correction Deadline: 12/21/2022

Children's Records

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

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.

Please ensure that the center maintains records of all children's daily arrival and departure, 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.

Correction Deadline: 12/21/2022

Facility

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.19(1) requires a Center to provide 35 square feet of usable space per child, which will determine the Center's License capacity.

Please ensure that the Center's License capacity is maintained in classroom F.

Correction Deadline: 12/21/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met**

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2022

Corrected on 12/21/2022

.30(1)(b)3 - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on observation all of the mats had a sheet or similar covering on them as required.

Staff Records

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

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2022

Corrected on 12/21/2022

.09(1)(a) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on a review of records all employees had submitted both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required.

Correction Deadline: 8/15/2022

Corrected on 12/21/2022

.09(1)(c) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on a review of records all employees present at the center had valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determinations on file as required.

591-1-1-.24 Personnel Records**Met**

Correction Deadline: 8/20/2022

Corrected on 12/21/2022

.24(1) - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that based on a review of records personnel files were in place for all staff members, volunteers and those who were working as substitutes as required.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Met**

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2022

Corrected on 12/21/2022

.32(1) - Appropriate staff:child ratios were observed on this date.