



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 5/14/2024 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:00 AM **Departure:** 12:15 PM

CCLC-1187

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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.
05/14/2024	Monitoring Visit	Deficient	
11/15/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
10/12/2023	Incident 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
Main	1st left		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	2nd Left		0	0	C	23	C	NA	NA	
Main	A		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	B	Two Year Olds	2	3	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Circle Time
Main	C	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Circle Time
Main	Pre-K A	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	10	C	28	C	NA	NA	Story
Main	Pre-K B	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	10	C	24	C	NA	NA	Circle Time, Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 136			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 29			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Right Side Playground	166	C

Comments

monitoring visit conducted on this date. A plan of improvement must be submitted by 5/29/2024.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 05/29/2024

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.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!



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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)

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Please ensure that equipment and furniture is secured if it is of a weight or mass that could cause injury from tipping, falling, or being pulled or pushed over. Consultant discussed securing printer in classroom Pre-K B.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2024

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities at this time.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be met by center on this date.

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 the following hazards were accessible:

Room C;

*Three grocery bags located in cubby

*Two staff personal bags located on the sink

Building 2:

Pre-K A::

*Three staplers located in a cubby

*Grocery bag located in a cubby

Left Side- PreK B

* Grocery bag in cubby

*Staff personal bag located on the floor by the adult desk

*Hanging TV cord over the sink on the left side of the room.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2024

Recited on 5/14/2024

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

Met

Comment

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2023

Corrected on 5/14/2024

.26(4) - The previous citation was corrected. The gap on the right side of the fence was corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/15/2023

Corrected on 5/14/2024

.26(9) - The previous citation was corrected. There were no ant beds present on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures on this date.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.20(1) requires Personnel to obtain specific written authorization from the child's physician or parent in order to dispense prescription or non-prescription medications, except for first aid. Such authorization will include when applicable, date; full name of the child; name of the medication; prescription number, if any; dosage; the dates to be given; the time of day to be dispensed; and signature of parent. It was determined based on statement from a staff member that she would administer medication as needed when coming in from the playground.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2024

Finding

591-1-1-.20(4) requires the Center to keep medication in a cabinet or container that is locked or otherwise not accessible to the children and to be stored separate from cleaning chemicals, supplies or poisons. Medications requiring refrigeration shall be placed in a leak-proof container in a refrigerator that is not accessible to the children. It was determined based on observation that in Pre-K A Albuterol and cough medicine were accessible to children in care in a student's book bag.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2024

Recited on 5/14/2024

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed on this date.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete for April 26, 2024 and April 30, 2024 on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(c)2. requires that the driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated staff person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center. It was determined based on a review of records that on May 6, 2024 during afternoon transportation to Jordan Hill Elementary one enrolled child was not marked as loaded, unloaded or absent.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2024

Recited on 5/14/2024

Correction Deadline: 11/16/2023

Corrected on 5/14/2024

.36(7)(d)1. - The previous citation was corrected. The first check be conducted immediately upon unloading the last child.

Finding

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 a review of records that on May 9, 2024 and May 10, 2024 a second check was not completed upon arrival back to center from Jordan Hill, Atkinson, Cowan Road, Orr and Anne Street Elementary.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2024

Recited on 5/14/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

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.

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete on this date.

Comment

Director provided two file(s) for employees hired since last visit on this date.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/15/2023

Corrected on 5/14/2024

.14(2) - The previous citation was corrected staff member satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations on this date.

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.