



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 11/1/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:30 AM **Departure:** 1:40 PM

CCLC-50330

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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.
11/01/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
07/11/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/17/2022	Licensing Study	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	A-1L/3 through 4 years	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	7	C	25	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Free Play
Main	B-2L/1's and 2's	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	3	7	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play,Centers
Main	C-3L/6wks- 18mths		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	D-2R/Afterschool		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	E- 1R/ GA Pre-K	GA PreK	2	15	C	30	C	NA	NA	Circle Time,Free Play
		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			Building @35 capacity limited by Centers Request		
Total # Children this Date: 29		Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 100			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	61	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit. Staff files, children files, and criminal records checks were reviewed.

Reminders:

Please be sure to enter all temporary closures in DECAL KOALA under the Required Report tab whenever your facility is closed temporarily for one day or more.

Incident Reports are to be submitted via DECAL KOALA with all signed staff statements for staff and the director within 24 hours.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 11/01/2023

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.al.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
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- 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!

Li Tang, Program Official

Date

Amanda Schofield, Regional Consultant

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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)

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.

Facility

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

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

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 hazardous items were observed to be accessible to the children present for care during the visit:

- Classroom A: 1I - Five plastic grocery bags were stored in children's cubbies located on the front left side of classroom and a plastic Trader Joe's bag was stored in a brown storage shelf in the fourth right drawer from the bottom.
- Classroom B: 2L -There was a blue toilet brush stored on the right side of the toilet, a white plastic bag hanging on the toilet paper holder adjacent to the toilet, and three packets of diaper wipes stored in a clear container on the middle brown shelf against the left wall, all items were stored in the middle right restroom in the classroom
- Classroom E: 1R - Ten plastic grocery bags were stored in children's cubby located in front left side of the classroom and two teacher lunch bags; one gray and one black bag was stored in the bottom of a white unlocked cabinet located on the right side on the classroom.

All items contained the label "KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 11/1/2023

Recited on 11/1/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that the fence on the back playground (leading to the back parking lot) contained a gap at the bottom measuring four and a half inches posing a potential entrapment hazard to the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center Director states the fence will be to eliminate gaps in the fence and to prevent potential entrapment of the children in care. The director stated and showed the consultant where the gate has been ordered they are waiting on maintenance to install the gate.

Correction Deadline: 11/22/2023

Recited on 11/1/2023

Correction Deadline: 7/11/2023

Corrected on 11/1/2023

.26(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed tricycles in good repair on this date.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR) **N/A**

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

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

Correction Deadline: 7/21/2023

Corrected on 11/1/2023

.21(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Based on review of records the Consultant observed the fire drills to be completed and updated on this date.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals **Met**

Comment

Animals maintained clean and appropriately caged. The provider was observed two Parakeets located in the front lobby, properly contained. The provider will ensure that the children do not have access to the birds.

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) **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) **Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)3 - Please ensure each crib has an tight-fitting sheet which is changed daily or more often as needed.

Correction Deadline: 11/1/2023

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)3 - Please ensure that sheets or similar coverings for cots or mats are marked and stored separately for individual use and must be laundered weekly or more frequently if needed.

Correction Deadline: 11/1/2023

Staff Records

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.09(1) - The consultant discussed the following criminal record check reminders with the provider: New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the childcare industry.

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- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee. A re-check maybe needed under the following circumstances:
- When there is a lapse of employment from the childcare industry that lasted for 180 calendar days (6 months) or longer.
- When the Department so requests.

Comment

Director provided three staff files for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

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**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.

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

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.