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Date: 3/4/2025 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 11:00 AM **Departure:** 5:35 PM

CCLC-14468

A Child's Dream Childcare and Learning Center

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			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.
03/04/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/10/2024	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
05/23/2024	Complaint Closure	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	Left (infant)	Infants and One Year Olds	3	16	C	21	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Middle Left	Two Year Olds	3	26	C	25	NC	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Middle Right Back	Three Year Olds	1	16	C	23	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	Middle Right Front	Four Year Olds	1	17	C	19	C	NA	NA	Supper, Lunch, Free Play
Main	Right Back	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	2	C	23	C	NA	NA	Homework
Main	Right Front		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	Trailer		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 151			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 77			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 151			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A Left	6	C
Main	B Middle back yard	22	C
Main	C Right rear yard	12	C
Main	D right front yard	28	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
13	12	27	18	18	0	71

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and to follow up on the previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date

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.decga.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@decga.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

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 9

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Met

Comment

591-1-1-.03(3) - The Provider does provide a daily prescribed program of varied activities.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2025

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

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 9

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.08(1) - The consultant discussed with the Provider the children's files are incomplete. After reviewing five children's files, one was missing the father's employment number and information.

Evening Care**Records Reviewed: 9****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 9

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.32 Staffing/Supervision(CR)**N/A****Comment**

No evening care hours provided

Facility**Records Reviewed: 9****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 9

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**Met****Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.25(13) - The consultant discussed with the Director the importance of ensuring all cords are inaccessible to the children. It was determined by observation there were cords hanging from the TV that should be mounted.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2025

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

The Playground is not in use due to the previous challenging weather conditions. The consultant discussed with the Director the importance of correcting all of the previous citations regarding ensuring the fence is 4 ft or greater, main a left playground- the gate had six protruding bolts that measured over two threads, main b middle back yard playground - a protruding nail was located on the top slat of the top back middle fencing, etc.

Food Service**Records Reviewed: 9****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 9

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Technical Assistance****Comment**

Please ensure that bottles are covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(7) - The Consultant discussed with the Director that foods that are associated with young children's choking incidents, such as, but not limited to, peanuts, hot dogs, raw carrots, popcorn, fish with bones, cheese cubes, grapes and any other food that is of similar shape and size of the trachea/windpipe shall not be served to the children less than four (4) years of age. Children older than four (4) years of age may be served these foods provided that the foods are cut in such a way as to minimize choking.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2025

Health and Hygiene

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 9

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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 surface in the main left (infant) room had several tears with foam exposed and could not be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure there is a smooth, nonporous changing surface that has a guard or rails for safety in each classroom that houses children wearing diapers. Center Staff will be trained and have adequate supplies to properly clean the diaper changing surface between each diaper change.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2025

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.17(2) requires that Personnel, to the extent possible, keep children clean, dry and comfortable. It was determined based on observation that a 2 year old child's diaper was observed to be heavily soiled. According to the sign in sheet, the child arrived at 9:20 a.m.. but was not changed until 12:07 p.m.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train staff, review regularly, and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2025

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

Not Met

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. It was determined based on observation that an albuterol inhaler and spacer were observed stored in a child's backpack, located on the bottom shelf accessible to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on the safe and proper storage of medication and monitor to ensure that the rule is met.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2025

Policies and Procedures

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 9

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Comment

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 9

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

591-1-1-.05 Animals

N/A

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that the following was observed on the vehicles used for routine transportation:

-Vehicle with tag CZG1421: The rubber door casing was observed detached and on the floor of the vehicle. The first row's arm rest was observed to have tears with foam exposed which prevented the arm rest from being cleaned on this date.

-Vehicle with temporary tag P6354509: The vehicle was observed to have torn seats which prevented them from being cleaned on this date.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2025

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36(7)(c) - The Consultant discussed with the Director using the most up to date transportation checklists, as the one used by the center was missing the dates beside the days of the week.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

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 review of records that the transportation checklists were lacking the check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed each time the child entered and/or exited the vehicle for the following routes:

-Routine transportation for the routes to Bayvale Elementary, Wheelless Road Elementary, and Barton Chapel Elementary for the week of March 3, 2025.

-Routine transportation for the routes to Wheelless Elementary, Barton Chapel Elementary, Glenn Hills Elementary, and Bayvale Elementary for the week of February 27, 2025.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The driver/other designated person will immediately document in writing with a check/mark/symbol each time a child gets on and off the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

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 review of records that the transportation checklists for the week of February 24, 2025, for routine transportation to and/or from Wheelless Road Elementary, Meadowbrook Elementary, Barton Chapel Elementary, Sue Reynolds, Bayvale Elementary, and Glenn Hills Elementary were lacking documentation of the second check on this date. The Director was observed to document the second check during afternoon transportation on the date of the visit but was not observed to physically walk through the vehicle.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 9

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

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

Technical Assistance

Correction Deadline: 9/20/2024

Corrected on 3/4/2025

.30(1)(a)1 - Previous citation corrected, based on observation, in that the cribs were observed to be in good repair on this date.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(a)2 - The Consultant discussed with the Director to please ensure the crib mattresses are smooth as two of twelve crib mattresses were observed to have a design which prevented them from being thoroughly disinfected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2025

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 9

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1

Staff # 9

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on review of documentation that Staff #9 hired March 5, 2020, identified as a driver did not have a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

Finding

591-1-1-.09(1)(l)3. requires the Center to immediately require a new Comprehensive Records Check Determination for a Director, Employee or Provisional Employee at least once every five years. It was determined based on review of records that Staff #9 with the hire date of March 5, 2020, acting as a driver, had a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check determination dated November 8, 2019, on file on this date which was expired.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will ensure that each Director, Employee and Provisional Employee has a Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file that has been issued within the past five years. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will ensure CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 3/5/2025

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

Complete first aid kits observed in center and on vehicles.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision**Records Reviewed: 9****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1**

Staff # 9

Not Met

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32(1) - The Consultant discussed with the Director to ensure all classrooms are operating within appropriate Staff:child ratios, as upon the Consultant's arrival in the Middle Right Back Classroom which housed the three-year-old children was observed to be operating with a ratio of 1:17 before a second staff member arrived to meet the required ratio.

Correction Deadline: 3/4/2025

Correction Deadline: 9/10/2024

Corrected on 3/4/2025

.32(2) - Previous citation corrected based on observation that the center was observed to operate within appropriate Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups on this date.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.