



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/19/2023 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study **Arrival:** 9:20 AM **Departure:** 3:45 PM

CCLC-28234

Bright Minds Learning and Childcare Center

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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.
09/19/2023	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/10/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
04/10/2023	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	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	L 1L A	Infants	2	5	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	L 1R F		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	L 2L B	One Year Olds	1	3	C	17	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	L 2R E	One Year Olds	1	5	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	L 3L C	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	L 3R D	Three Year Olds	2	17	C	20	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	R 1L G	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	4	C	21	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Main	R 1R L	Infants and One Year Olds	3	7	C	12	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Nap, Floor Play
Main	R 2L H	Two Year Olds	2	10	C	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	R 2R K	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	16	C	23	C	Art
Main	R 3L I	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	10	C	21	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	R 3R J	GA PreK	2	21	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Centers

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 212

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 219

Total # Children this Date: 101

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Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground	85	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a License Study Visit and to follow-up from the previous visit.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/19/2023

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

Beverly Edwards, Program Official

Date

Alison Benson, Regional Consultant

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

Activities and Equipment

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

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center on this date.

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized on this date.

Facility

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)

Not Met

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.25 - Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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, the following items were observed to be accessible to children in care:

(G)- One Staff purse.

(H)- One broom and dust pan.

(K)- One broom/dust pan and toilet bowl brush.

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: 10/3/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation, the following items are in need of repair:

Paint was observed to be chipped in the classrooms throughout the center, where items have been taken off of the walls, causing paint to be removed.

Window blinds were observed to be damaged in multiple toddler classrooms.

The closet door in classroom J was observed not to have a lock, causing the door not to close completely.

The awning ceiling covering the sidewalk between the left and center playground was observed to be coming apart.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 10/3/2023

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26 - Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute.

Food Service

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations**Met****Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

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

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

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

Proper hand washing was observed throughout the center on this date.

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

Comment

No medication is being dispensed at this time.

Safety

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) Met

Comment

Field trip documentation was observed to be complete on this date.

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

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.36 - Proper check of the vehicle after transportation paperwork was discussed with the director.

Comment

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Staff stated proper SIDS and infant sleeping position 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.

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

Comment

Evidence observed of 50% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.33 - Discussed staff training. Please obtain required documentation.

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

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

Comment

Adequate supervision was observed on this date.

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.

The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Visit:

Staffing and Supervision

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2023

Corrected on 9/19/2023

.32(1) - The center was observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios on this date.