



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 10/25/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:30 AM **Departure:** 3:50 PM

CCLC-35355

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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.
10/25/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
09/11/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
09/11/2024	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
Ft. Hall Jonah's Way	1-1st left	One Year Olds	2	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap
Ft. Hall Jonah's Way	2-1st Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Art
Ft. Hall Jonah's Way	3-1st Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	7	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Ft. Hall Jonah's Way	4-2nd Right	One Year Olds	2	9	C	13	C	NA	NA	Nap
Ft. Hall Jonah's Way	5-2nd Left	Four Year Olds	2	10	C	14	C	NA	NA	Outside
Ft. Hall Jonah's Way	6-3rd right	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	8	C	31	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside, Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 96					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
New Wing	10-2nd Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	13	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
New Wing	11-3Rd Left	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	9	C	18	C	NA	NA	Lunch
New Wing	12-3Rd Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
New Wing	13-4th Left	One Year Olds	2	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap

New Wing	14-4th Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	11	C	17	C	NA	NA	Nap
New Wing	7-1st Left	Infants	2	2	C	15	C	NA	NA	Feeding, Floor Play
New Wing	8-1st Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	11	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
New Wing	9-2nd Left	Infants	2	6	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Feeding
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 127			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Second Wing Upstairs	201		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Second Wing Upstairs	203		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Second Wing Upstairs	204		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 39			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0							
Total # Children this Date: 113			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 262				Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
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Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
10	15	30	25	15	5	0

Comments

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a Licensing Study and follow up on citations during complaint visit.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

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.al.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 Licensing Study:

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.

Children's Records

591-1-1-08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1-06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

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

Comment

Center appears clean and well maintained.

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

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

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.

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

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.15(3) - Please ensure to check the temperature of the center's refrigerator(s) and freezer(s) with a thermometer in the classrooms for the temperature of 40 °F or below where baby bottles and perishable foods are stored.

Correction Deadline: 10/25/2024

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**

Please ensure lids in classrooms and bathrooms remain on trash containing organic waste.

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals****N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2024

Corrected on 10/25/2024

.11(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that, center staff have been trained to use redirection and age-appropriate discussions as methods for discipline and the center has a system in place to monitor and identify inappropriate actions.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)	N/A
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Comment

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2024

Corrected on 10/25/2024

.30(2)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that, infants were a sleep in their approved cribs in classroom 8 and the center staff have received training on SIDs and infant safe sleep.

Staff Records

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

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2024

Corrected on 10/25/2024

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that, all currently employed staff had received a criminal background check prior to working in their designated classroom and a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination letter in their file.

Correction Deadline: 9/11/2024

Corrected on 10/25/2024

.09(1)(l)3. - Previous citation was observed to be corrected during this visit, in that, all currently employed staff had received a criminal background check prior to working in their designated classroom and a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check in their file.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)	Met
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Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete.

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

Evidence observed of 100% of center staff certified in First Aid and CPR.

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

Documentation observed of required staff training.

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

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