



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/1/2023 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 9:10 AM **Departure:** 12:00 PM

CCLC-54675

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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.
06/01/2023	Monitoring Visit	Support	
11/08/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
01/10/2022	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	Room - A (Middle - Ft. Left)	Infants and One Year Olds	2	6	C	18	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering
Main	Room - B (Middle - Bk Left)		0	0	C	18	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room C - (Middle - Ft. Back Rt.)		0	0	C	19	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room D - (Middle - Ft. Rt.)		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room E - Rt. Wing ft. left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	1	14	NC	24	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room F - (Rt. wing - bk left)		0	0	C	21	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room H - (Rt. Wing - ft. middle)		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room I - (Rt. Wing - ft. rt.)		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room J - (Left wing - ft. left)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	13	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room L - (Left Wing - Bk Right)		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	Room M - (Left Wing - Ft. rt.)	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	24	C	NA	NA	Circle Time
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:						238	Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0			

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A - (Left)	224	C
Main	Playground B - (Middle)	81	C
Main	Playground C - (Right)	228	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement developed on this date.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 06/15/2023

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.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

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Date

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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

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It was discussed the book shelf in Room M and the block shelf in Room A needed to be secured so they did not pose a falling hazard.

Correction Deadline: 6/1/2023

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1.06(4) requires a Center first licensed after March 1, 1991, and Centers that remodel or add to existing plumbing facilities, to have the bathroom area fully enclosed and ventilated to the outside of the building with either an open screened window or functioning exhaust fan and duct system and requires Centers without fully enclosed bathrooms to ensure there is adequate ventilation to control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. It was determined based on observation that ventilation in the center restrooms were not in working order.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2023

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

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 to children in care:

Room I- Hand soap was located on the sink.

Room C- Rubber gloves and hand soap were located on the sink counter.

Room M- A broom and dust were located next to the trash can, a toilet brush was accessible in the girls restroom, rubber gloves were placed on the counter, hand soap, two staplers, a hole punch, and adult scissors were located by the sink.

Correction Deadline: 6/1/2023

Recited on 6/1/2023

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

Not Met

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the fencing will need additional height in areas throughout all playgrounds as it measures from 40 inches to 44 inches in areas when 48 inches is required throughout.

Correction Deadline: 6/1/2023

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed the the sliding equipment in the Middle Back and Left Playground had exposed rust and the house metal structure on the Middle back playground was chipping paint and in need of repair.

Correction Deadline: 6/1/2023

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were present on center playgrounds:

Left Side playground- An unwrapped water hose was accessible beneath the covered patio of Room M.

Right Side Playground C- The concrete was not flushed with the ground leading to the shaded area, mulch around the sidewalk of the sliding equipment and swinging equipment areas had a gap approximately six inches wide which posed a tripping hazard, and there were three active ant beds present.

Left Side Playground A-The vegetation was growing through the far left fence and there was an active ant bed present.

Correction Deadline: 6/26/2023

Recited on 6/1/2023

Health and Hygiene

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

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

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

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.21(3) requires that the Center conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Center shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on a review of records that the center had not conducted a lock down drill or tornado drill since 2022. It was further determined that a fire drill was not completed for March 2023 and May 2023.

Recited on 6/1/2023

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

Met

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

Not Met

591-1-1-.36(4)(a) requires an annual safety check for each vehicle. The annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, should include a check of the: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of the annual safety check will be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report. It was determined based on a review of the annual safety checks no tag numbers were listed no mileage, or vehicle type were listed. In addition, one of two did not include where the bus was serviced but was signed off on.

Correction Deadline: 11/9/2022

.36(7)(b) - Citation corrected. Consultant discussed the new forms should be completed for the new school year and no areas on the form should be left blank.

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

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

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.

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

Please replace/add missing/expired item(s) in first aid kit(s).

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.33(3) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics: prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; precautions in transporting children; recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and child development. It was determined based on a review of records that two staff members over 90 days of hire did not have health and safety orientation.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2023

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed to ensure that documentation of orientation is completed with all staff before being placed in the classroom.

Correction Deadline: 7/1/2023

Correction Deadline: 12/8/2022

Corrected on 6/1/2023

.33(4) - Citation observed to be corrected.

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.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that on the outside playground on staff member was present three one-year-old children, seven two-year-old-children and four three-year-old children when two staff members were required at all times.

Correction Deadline: 6/1/2023

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

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.