



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/14/2024 VisitType: Initial Licensing Study Arrival: 10:00 AM Departure: 3:35 PM

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Alpharetta KinderCare

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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.
03/14/2024	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	
			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.

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 1R	Infants	3	9	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B 2R		0	0	C	13	C	NA	NA	
Main	C 3R	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	4	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D 4R	One Year Olds	2	9	C	17	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	E 5R	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	19	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F 6R	GA PreK	2	17	C	24	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	G Bk End	GA PreK	2	18	C	22	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	H 4L	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	17	C	33	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	I 3L	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	14	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	J 2L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	0	15	NC	20	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	K 1L	Three Year Olds	3	12	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 217					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 126					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	68	C
Main	Playground B	145	C

Main	Playground C	60	C
Main	Playground D	17	C

Comments

An Administrative Review was conducted on February 15, 2024. Staff files, children's files, training, and background checks were all reviewed. An in person Initial Licensing Study was conducted on March 14, 2024. The exit conference was conducted on March 14, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. with the Director. Permission to Operate was issued on this date. Facility does carry Liability Insurance. The License capacity is 217

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.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
- 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

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

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!

Krista Whitney, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Initial Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

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

Not Met

Comment

Discussed adding equipment and toys to enhance variety.

Technical Assistance

Consultant discussed with the provider that all equipment and furniture should be free from hazardous conditions such as, but not limited to, sharp rough edges or toxic paint; and be kept clean. The Director identified that new furniture has been ordered by the new owner. Some shelves, tables and chairs need repair or replacement.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2024

Finding

Consultant discussed with the provider that it is required that Center Staff provide table space for each child who is able to sit at a table unassisted and an appropriately sized chair or bench for each child who is not an infant and who is able to use a chair or bench.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will provide required equipment as noted.

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2024

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

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. No pool observed on site.

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

The Consultant discussed with the Provider to ensure ventilation is checked in the diapering room as 2 of the four were not in working properly. It was explained that adequate ventilation is to be maintained to help control odors and adequate sanitation measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases.

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2024

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)	Met
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Comment

The Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center. The overall licensed capacity is 126 children.

591-1-1.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)	Not Met
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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 the consultant's observation that the storage closet was unlock and hazardous items such as vacuum cleaners, mops, brooms and a washing machine and dryer were accessible to the 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: 3/14/2024

Comment

The consultant discussed with the provider that each child 's personal items should be kept in individually labeled cubbies, lockers or racks separated from articles used by other children and those spaces should be accessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 4/13/2024

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)	Not Met
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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 concrete walkway on the infant /toddler playgrounds were not level and posed a tripping hazard, furthermore there were exposed roots on all playgrounds with the exception of the after school playground. Lastly, the shade structure on the after school playground and the toddler playground had bird nests and a hive in the top of the structure.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2024

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)	Met
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Comment

Staff stated proper procedures. Sinks with warm running water observed adjacent to proper diapering surfaces in all classrooms approved for diapering.

591-1-1.17 Hygiene(CR)	Met
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Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1.20 Medications(CR)	Met
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Comment

The provider discussed medication documentation, administration, and storage.

Safety

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

Comment

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

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR) **Met**

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed. Vehicle information, insurance, first aid kit and fire extinguisher were observed.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Comment

Consultant observed Nine (9) of nine (9) cribs meeting safety compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials International (ASTM) safety standards manufactured in 2015. Consultant discussed safe sleeping requirements with the Director during the inspection visit.

Staff Records

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

Comment

Thirty-two (32) of thirty-two (32) staff records were observed to have comprehensive satisfactory Criminal Background Check determination letters on file.

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) **Not Met**

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

Finding

591-1-1-.32(4) requires that children under three years old be housed in separate physical areas from older children and cannot be mixed with older children except at specified times and circumstances. It was determined based on observation that there were 6 three- year old and 9 two- year old children mixed together in the innovators classroom.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will maintain separation of these children under three years old.

Correction Deadline: 3/14/2024

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

Comment

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