



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 9/27/2023 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 2:10 PM

Departure: 5:30 PM

CCLC-4122

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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.
09/27/2023	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/23/2023	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
03/06/2023	Complaint Investigation & 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	1, Chapel		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	5, kids fit gym		0	0	C	33	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	Childwatch 3	Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	TV,Free Play
Main	Childwatch 4		0	0	C	14	C	NA	NA	
Main	Main Gym-Rm2	Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	21	C	209	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 284					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 30					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PGD A	70	C
Main	PGD-fenced field	57	C

Comments

A monitoring visit was conducted on this date.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/27/2023

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/RuleAndRegulations.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 user id 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!

Crystal Holloway, Program Official

Date

Stacey Foston, Regional Consultant

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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-.03 Activities

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/20/2023

Corrected on 9/27/2023

.03(9) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The children were observed to engage in age-appropriate activities.

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

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

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

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.19 - Discussed with staff about submitting an amendment to remove rooms from the center license that are no longer in used by program.

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Comment

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

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that two foot/hand grips were missing the on the double-sided rock-climbing wall on the playground.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will replace the missing grips. Staff will check the equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is free of hazards, rust and splinters.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2023**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined based on observation that there was approximately one inch of mulch in the fall zones of all the slides, hanging bars and rock-climbing wall. Based on the height and type of equipment the minimum of six inches of mulch is required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

Correction Deadline: 10/7/2023**Health and Hygiene****591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****N/A****Comment**

No children enrolled who require diapering. School age children attend only for after school hours.

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

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

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

The Program currently does not dispense/administer medication.

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

Age-appropriate discussion and redirection observed.

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 seat coverings had holes or tears on five of the bus seats.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will patch or cover the tears. The staff stated that they have ordered a new vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 10/5/2023

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2023

Corrected on 9/27/2023

.36(6) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Transportation records were complete on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2023

Corrected on 9/27/2023

.36(7)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Transportation records were observed on the vehicle on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/8/2023

Corrected on 9/27/2023

.36(7)(b) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Transportation records were complete on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2023

Corrected on 9/27/2023

.36(7)(c)2. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Transportation checklist were complete on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2023

Corrected on 9/27/2023

.36(7)(c)3. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Transportation checklist were complete on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2023

Corrected on 9/27/2023

.36(7)(d)1. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Transportation checklist were complete on this date.

Correction Deadline: 3/7/2023

Corrected on 9/27/2023

.36(7)(d)2. - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Transportation checklist were complete on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

N/A

Comment

Sleeping/Naps are not required for this program. School age children attend only for after school hours.

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

Correction Deadline: 3/21/2023

Corrected on 9/27/2023

.14(2) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Observed documentation that more than 50% of the staff has CPR and first aid training.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Correction Deadline: 4/5/2023****Corrected on 9/27/2023**

.33(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All required staff has completed the health and safety training.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Defer****Defer**

591-1-1-.31(1)(b)2.-This rule will be evaluated on the visit. The center is in process of switching directors and the new director will send verification of her credential.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The director will complete the requirements to obtain a credential. The Center will ensure that the Director meets the minimum education and work requirements and secure the necessary documentation.

Correction Deadline: 5/8/2023

Staffing and Supervision

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

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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

Adequate supervision observed on this date.