



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 7/26/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 10:45 AM **Departure:** 3:00 PM

CCLC-2121

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Same

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.
07/26/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
04/24/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
02/16/2024	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	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	1R		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	2R	Two Year Olds	3	8	C	12	C	17	C	Centers
Main	Lower Elementary 1 (LE1)	Six Year Olds and Over	3	11	C	26	C	NA	NA	Outside, Homework
Main	Lower Elementary 2 (LE2)		0	0	C	24	C	NA	NA	
Main	P 1	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	2	19	C	25	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	P 2		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	P3		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 149					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 154					
Total # Children this Date: 38					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 154					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Front	105	C
Main	PG B- Behind the Building	170	C

Comments

The purpose of today's visit was to conduct a licensing study and to follow up from the previous visit conducted on February 14, 2024.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 07/26/2024

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

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.

Comment

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

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

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

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

Met

Comment

Parent authorizations obtained/completed.

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.

Comment

The center recently had water damage to the front lobby and classroom 1R. The consultant observed that classroom 1R was not in use and no hazards were accessible to the children. Repairs are currently in process.

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 a tape dispenser, stapler, and paper cutter were stored in an unlocked cabinet within reach of children in classroom LE-2.

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. It was observed that staff in LE-2 removed their bags during the Monitoring Visit.

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2024

Recited on 7/26/2024

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

Not Met

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 between two and four inches of resilient surfacing around the climber in the back section of the climber. Six inches is required under and around the equipment.

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: 8/5/2024

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Comment

Families provide children's lunches. Snacks provided by the center meet USDA guidelines.

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)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.10(6) requires Center Staff to keep any items which might harm a child out of a child's reach. It was determined based on observation that center staff left a soiled diaper on the restroom floor after assisting a child to change in classroom 2R.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any harmful item and provide instruction to staff. that includes identification and storage of hazardous items and procedures for keeping classrooms and other children's areas free of hazards.

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2024

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/16/2024

Corrected on 7/26/2024

.17(8) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed proper hand washing procedures throughout.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/16/2024

Corrected on 7/26/2024

.20(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed complete documentation of authorization and dispensation of medication.

Policies and Procedures

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/21/2024

Corrected on 7/26/2024

.21(3) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed center to conduct all required safety drills since last visit February 14, 2024.

591-1-1-.27 Posted Notices

Met

Comment

Observed all required posted notices.

Safety

591-1-1-.05 Animals

Not Evaluated

Comment

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2024

Corrected on 7/26/2024

.11(1) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed age-appropriate redirection and a positive learning environment throughout the center.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)

Met

Comment

Field trip documentation observed to be complete.

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 2/26/2024

Corrected on 7/26/2024

.36(3)(a-b) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed documentation that parents who provided transportation on field trips had completed the required transportation training.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Met

Comment

Center does not serve infants.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date.

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.

Comment

Director provided five files for employees hired since last visit February 14, 2024..

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR	Technical Assistance
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Comment

Consultant observed evidence 100% of center staff hired more than 90 days to be certified in First Aid and CPR.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.14(3) - Consultant discussed with director to ensure that protective eye wear is added to the first aid kit.

Correction Deadline: 8/5/2024

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Met
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Correction Deadline: 3/17/2024

Corrected on 7/26/2024

.33(5) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The staff member who did not complete annual training is no longer employed by the center. Director stated that staff are given selected courses to take throughout the year and have a set time frame for completion.

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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Correction Deadline: 4/24/2024

Corrected on 7/26/2024

.32(7) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed adequate supervision throughout the center.