



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 1/4/2024 VisitType: POI Follow Up Arrival: 12:30 PM Departure: 2:15 PM

CCLC-1805

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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.
01/04/2024	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	
11/20/2023	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/23/2023	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	A	Three Year Olds	2	16	C	35	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	B	Infants and One Year Olds	2	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	11	C	14	C	NA	NA	Nap
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 65					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 34					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	PG	254	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Plan of Improvement visit. A Plan of Improvement was left and is due January 19, 2024.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 01/19/2024

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

Dana Rex, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a POI Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.03 Activities

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.03(2) requires the Center to keep current lesson plans on site that reflect appropriate instruction practices and activities to support children's development The Center shall have sufficient and varied play and learning equipment and materials to support the above program of activities in all developmental areas. It was determined based on observation that classroom A, B, and C did not have a current lesson plan. The lesson plan is classroom A had a date of September 18-22, 2023. The lesson plan for classroom B and C were without a date.

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2024

Recited on 1/4/2024

Children's Records

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2023

Corrected on 1/4/2024
The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2023

Corrected on 1/4/2024
The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

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 the following equipment posed a hazard to children:

- The yellow and blue slide was chipped on the side closest to the fence.
- The blue and red bridge connected to the castle had a crack and rust on the side closest to the fence.
- The platform in between the two small yellow slides connected to the castle was corroded with cracks and had rust.
- The red and blue space shuttle had rust on the handlebar and springs.
- The white space shuttle had rust on the handlebar and springs.

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2024

Recited on 1/4/2024

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2023

Corrected on 1/4/2024
The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

	Policies and Procedures
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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 observation that the center did not have evidence that the emergency plans procedure were reviewed for year 2023.

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2024

Recited on 1/4/2024

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.30(1)(b)1 requires that cots and mats are of sound construction and of sufficient size to accommodate comfortably the size and weight of the child; and that mats are in good repair, washable, covered with a waterproof material and at least two inches (2") thick. It was determined that one mat in classroom C was torn.

Correction Deadline: 1/4/2024

Recited on 1/4/2024

Staff Records

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

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of records that staff number 12 did not have evidence of completion of CPR and first aid within 90 days of their hire date as required.

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2024

Recited on 1/4/2024

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2023

Corrected on 1/4/2024

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 11/27/2023

Corrected on 1/4/2024

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/20/2023

Corrected on 1/4/2024

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Correction Deadline: 12/20/2023

Corrected on 1/4/2024

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.

Staffing and Supervision

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

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/20/2023

Corrected on 1/4/2024

The citation was observed to be corrected on this date.